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gt. Earl Wicks, bottom right, grabs hold of Pfc. Alfred Cain as he climbs into the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter during ditching and extraction training at Yokosuka Naval Base on Thursday. Both men are members of the Army's 78th Aviation Battalion from Camp Zama. The battalion adapted a U.S. Navy over-water training program about five years then its mission included more over-water travel, said Spc. Lex Dreeson, water survival noncommissioned officer in charge. Right: Soldiers of the 78th Aviation Battalion jump of the helicopter during the training.



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States

Texas park deaths: A Fort Worth, Texas, park where four tourists drowned was described by a city attor-ney as dangerous to visitors 30 years ago, according to a published report Thurs

Municipal officials, warning of hazards in the Active Pool where the tourists died on June 16, recommended that the city refuse responsibility for the Fort Worth Water Gardens unless fencing and other safeguards installed, according to docun leased Wednesday by the city to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram under the state's open records laws

Most of the Water Gardens was reopened last month, but the Active Pool, where the drowned, remained closed and blocked by a fence marked with "Do Not Enter" signs

World

Morrocco terror haven: Morocco to most of the suspects in the Madrid, Spain, train bombing — is teeming with some 100 al-Qaida-linked cells that are capable of suicide attacks and nose Europe's biggest terrorist threat, Spain's leading anti-terrorism judge testified Thursday.

Each cell has five to 10 m embers. are talking about 900 to 1,000 people who could be sought by police now in Morocco," Judge Baltasar Garzon told lawmakers investigating the March 11 attacks, which

Ireland police corruption: Police officers in Dublin, Ireland, staged a half-dozen hogus discoveries of Irish Republican Army weaponry in a plot to advance their careers, a judicial probe into police corruption re-ported Thursday.

Justice Frederick Morris found that two detectives, Noel McMahon and his immedi ate superior Kevin Lennon, were guilty of corruption and had provided testimony contradictory and unbelievable that it com-prises a tissue of lies."

Morris also ruled that the two officers' suervisors in northwest County Donegal in 1993 and 1994 were guilty of gross incompe-tence because they made astonishingly little effort to detect the scam.

Korean missionary: A Chinese court Thursday acquitted a South Korean missionary who was arrested nearly two years ago and accused of helping North Korean asy lum seekers escape to other countries, South Korean officials said.

Kim Hee-tae, a longtime advocate for



Western wildfires: Nevada Division of Forestry Capt. Tim Leighton watches Wednesday as fire flares up in Kings Canyon in Carson City, Nev. Fire burned at least six luxury homes to the ground and came within a half mile of the Nevada governor's mansion, officials said. Four firefighters and a television reporter were injured as gusty winds pushed the fire to more than 2,000 acres and spread a plume of smoke over Carson City. Ten other homes, businesses and outbuildings also were destroyed Wednesday, and about 550 more were threatened by the blaze, which stretched for about four miles along the city's western edge.

North Koreans fleeing hunger and repressagainst the U.S. trained national army sion in the North, was arrested in August 2002, according to a statement released by South Korea's Foreign Ministry.

'Crocodile Hunter' allegations: "Croco-dile Hunter" Steve Irwin has escaped from another predicament.

The Australian government on Thursday cleared the exuberant entertainer of allegations that he got too close to penguins, a s and humpback whales in Antarctica while

making a documentary.

Getting too close to Antarctic wildlife can bring fines of up to \$720,000 and two years in jail. Had Irwin been convicted, however, his alleged contact would have drawn a far more lenient penalty.

Irwin had denied any wrongdoing

Afghan fighting: Afghan troops killed two militiamen in a mountain province racked by factional tension, the United Nations said Thursday, prompting a mob to ransack an election office and relief workers to flee.

The militia fighters died Wednesday evening at a checkpoint in Chagcharan, the capital of Ghor province, 220 miles west of Kabul, said U.N. spokesman David Singh.

Singh said it was unclear what prompted the incident, but he said a crowd gathered to protest the killings and chant slogans

War on terrorism

Malaysia troops: Malaysia's prime minis-ter said Thursday his country probably won't send troops to Iraq, but he will urge other Islamic countries to do so. Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi,

who also is chairman of the Islamic world's largest political group, said Muslim coun-tries near Iraq should consider sending security forces now that the United States has handed over power to the interim government of Prime Minister Ivad Allawi

Business

Enron return: Enron Corp. received court approval Thursday to emerge from one of the most expensive bankruptcies in history, but as a shadow of its former self.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Arthur Gonzalez in New York signed off on Enron's plan to exit Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection with no notable adjustments.

Houston-based Enron went bankrupt in December 2001 amid revelations of hidden debt, inflated profits and accounting skullduggery.

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Gen.: U.S. didn't plan for Iraqi insurgency

War's aftermath wasn't anticipated. Keane tells House committee

By LISA BURGESS Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - U.S. war planners failed to prepare for the insurgency that arose after major combat operations in Iraq because they were "seduced by Iraqi exiles" who predicted a joyous reception for U.S. troops, one of the Army's senior architects of the campaign said Thursday.

In testimony Thursday before the House Armed Services Committee, Army Gen. Jack Keane who retired last fall after a final posting as acting Army chief of staff. offered an unusually frank account of mistakes made in planning for the Iraq war.

"When I look back on it myself, having participated and contributed to [the war planning], one of the things that happened to us ... is many of us got seduced by the Iraqi exiles in terms of what the outcome would be" after the war. Keane said.

'We're all going to be treated as liberators," interjected Rep. Ike Skelton, the committee's ranking minority member.

"That's correct," Keane replied. "So therefore the intellectual capital to prepare

ourselves properly for an insurgency was not there.

Keane said that despite continued violence against U.S. troops, U.S. military leaders "did not recognize that we were dealing with an insurgency [in Iraq] until midsummer" 2003

This recognition came only after "lawlessness and looting in May, targeted violence against us in June that doubled in July, doubled in August, increased again in September and steady-stated thereafter,' the retired general said.

Keane did not criticize operations in war on Wednesday. But he was frank in his assessment of what he said was lack of planning for the war's aftermath.

There were very few people who actually envisioned, honestly, before the war what we are dealing with now after the regime went down," Keane said.

"We did not see [the insurgency] coming, and we were not properly prepared to

deal with it Keane offered insight into what military planners were thinking as they prepared for the Iraq campaign.

would have a stability operation that would be more akin to what we were doing in Kosovo, but on a larger scale," Keane said. "And we would be very much involved in political and physical reconstruction, and maybe some law and order, in the absence of a competent police."

Keane said that the widespread looting and lawlessness that occurred immediately after the fall of Baghdad "went on for a shorter period of time than people advertised," but that "it did get away from us for about a week" - in part because the Rules of Engagement that U.S. troops were operating under "did not change quickly enough" for the new situation.

But the "much more serious problem. Keane said, "was being organized improp-erly to deal with an insurgency."

Keane credited Army commanders on the ground last year as being "quality leaders" who proved to be "enormously flexible and adaptable" in reorganizing and equipping themselves to deal with the unexpected revolt

"But we could have done far better for



the price for that lack "Yes, sir," Keane replied. Keane replaced Gen. Eric Shinseki as

of foresight.

ly prepared for the reality," Keane said.

Skelton said that he

did "not want to hela-

bor the point, but

young folks who paid

acting Army chief of staff after Shinseki retired in June 2003

Shinseki is believed to have been forced out by Defense Secretary Donald Rums-feld after the Army leader told Congress feid after the Army leader foid Congress that pacifying Iraq after the war would re-quire "hundreds of thousands" of troops, rather than the smaller force Rumsfeld and other civilian Pentagon officials advo-

cated.
Rumsfeld asked Keane to take the top job permanently, but the four-star declined for "family reasons," according to Pentagon officials at the time. Keane retired in the fall. He was succeeded as Army chief of staff by Gen. Peter Schoomaker, who returned from retirement to take the job.

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Stroup: 2nd ID deployment may become new standard

Retired general says troops moving from S. Korea to Iraq are most prepared, but face family location issues

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO

Stare and Strings

YONGSAN GARRISON, South Korea The deployment of 2nd Infantry Division troops from South Korea to Iraq could serve as a model for a revamped U.S. Army, the vice president of the nonprofit Association of the United States Army, said Thursday

Retired Lt. Gen. Theodore Stroup Jr. is visiting leaders and soldiers on the peninsula this week in part to assess how the upcoming deployment is affecting soldiers and family members of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, slated to ship out in a few weeks

Earlier this week, Stroup watched training at Rodriguez Range and visited family readiness group officials at Camp Casey, saying he was highly im-pressed with the programs in place to deal with both the actual mission and the effect it will have on families

"Of all the units deployed through Iraq in the past two years, this will probably be the best-trained and best-equipped to go," Stroup said. "This brigade will take advantage of all the lessons learned from those who went before

Still, Stroup said, the 2nd Brigade will face a challenge unique to any Army unit sent into Iraq. Because more than 90 percent of soldiers here are on unaccompanied tours, their families either are in South Korea without command sponsorship, back at stateside bases or at a third location

"We are trying to figure out how we can support the Army while it deals with this new, unique family situation," Stroup said. "We want to play a supportive role without interfering.

Stroup is traveling with retired Command Sgt. Major Dan Thomas, who was the previous enlisted leader of the U.S. 8th Army in South Korea. AUSA, which has 120,000 members

including civilians and current or former servicemembers of all ranks is a nonprofit advocacy group with a goal of supporting the Army and its soldiers, according to the group's Web site. In the recent past, the group has pushed for pay increases, improved housing and the new Army Assignment Incentive Pay program, which gives cash bonuses to soldiers who agree to extend their tours in

In broader terms, Stroup says, the group is advocating for an increase in the percentage of the Army's Defense budget allocation. The group is pushing for an increase from 24 percent of the total Pentagon budget to 28 percent, he said.

The Army deserves a larger share of the budget, the group believes, because it has shouldered the heaviest burdens in the Afghanistan and Iraq campaigns. Part of the increased Army budget, the group says, would go to in creasing the force by about 50,000 soldiers, easing the strain caused by so many recent deployments.

AUSA estimates that every 10,000 soldiers added to the Army requires an additional \$1.2 billion in individual training and equipment

Stroup, who retired in 1996, served two tours in South Korea, one with the 7th Infantry Division in 1962 and a second with an engineer battalion at Camp Humphreys in 1972.

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Another car bomb kills 10 in Iraq

BY TAREK EL-TABLAWY

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Attackers detonated a car bomb near police and government buildings in the western city of Haditha on Thursday,

he would create a new security service geared toward halting the in-A decapitated body in an orange jumpsuit was discovered in the Tigris River in northern Iraq on Wednesday night, the military said

killing 10 Iraqis, while

the prime minister said

identified, there were suspicions it could be that of a Bulgarian driver taken hostage recently and slain. In an interview with Associated Press Televi-

Although it was not

The flag-draped coffin of Osama Youssef News, interim Kashmoula, the governor of Irag's Nineveh Prime Minister Iyad Alprovince, is carried to a cemetery for his lawi said terrorists aiming to undermine Iraq's funeral in Mosul. Iraq, on Thursday. new government are d termined not only to kill civilians and soldiers

but to destroy the nation's infrastructure. Also, militants holding a Filipino truck driver hostage said they would release him when the last Filipino soldier leaves Iraq, according to a statement read on Arab television.

The statement on the station Al-Jazeera followed a video of the captive, Angelo dela Cruz, saying he was coming home soon and

thanking his government for agreeing to withdraw peacekeepers. The Philippines' withdrawal should happen by the end of the

Fingerprints from the body found Wednes. day night were sent to Bulgaria for identifion, the Bulgarian government said.

Militants led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. a Jordanian accused of attacks and kidnap nings in Iraq and else-

where, killed one of two Bulgarian truck drivers it was holding hostage, the Bulgarian governconfirmed Wednesday. The group, which has demanded the release of Iraqi detainees, said early Wednesday it would kill the second man in

24 hours. Elsewhere, gunmen opened fire on cars belonging to Iraq's foreign minister, killing one official and wounding two others, an Iraqi National Guard official said. Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari was not in the two-car convoy at the time the attack about 65 miles

south of Kirkuk

Allawi said he had asked Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Morocco and Egypt to con-tribute troops to the multinational force here to help him secure the country. Elsewhere in Iraq, saboteurs blasted a crude oil pipeline feeding into a main artery in northern Iraq, halting exports to Turkey and directing an-other blow to the country's key industry.

Two U.S. soldiers were also killed and two injured when their vehicle rolled over in northern Iraq, the military said Thursday.

Hassoun arrives at Quantico

OUANTICO, Va. - A U.S. Marine who disappeared in Iraq and turned up in Lebanon three weeks later arrived at a Marine Corps base south of Washington, D.C., on Thursday after six days of evaluation in a U.S. military hospital in Germany, a military official said.

Lt. Col. David Lapan, a Marine Corps spokesman, said Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun would continue to undergo a "repatriation" process. Hassoun was not made available at Quanti-

co for questions from reporters.

The Navy has said it is investigating whether the kidnapping might have been a hoax, but the Naval Criminal Investigation Service is not expected to question Hassoun until his repatriation procedure is completed, the Marine Corps said.

From The Associated Press

U.S. might allow Jenkins to visit doctors in Japan

Washington 'sympathetic' but will seek custody, Baker says

BY JOSEPH COLEMAN

The Associated Press

TOKYO — The United States plans to pursue a case against accused Army deserter Charles Jenkins, but might not demand he be turned over immediately to American custody if he comes to Japan, the U.S. ambassador said Thursday.

Ambassador Howard Baker's comments came as Japanese officials — including Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi — said the 64-year-old American, who alleged-ly fled his post to communist North Korea in 1960s, should be taken to Japan for medical treatment.

"I'm told his condition is not good." Koizumi said. "He should get treated [at a Japanese hospital] as soon as possible. We're making arrangements for that."

Japanese media, however, reported that Jenkins could come to Japan as soon as Sunday.

"We are still trying to make final arrangements" for Jenkins' visit, said Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda.

North Korean officials on Thursday apparently were trying block Jenkins from leaving Jakarta, Indonesia, where he is meeting with his Japanese wife. The North Koreans said they wouldn't allow him to go to Japan unless they can meet with him, according to the Kyodo News agency, which quoted an unidentified Japanese official.

Baker said the U.S. government was "sympathetic" to Jenkins' un-



It's possible that alleged U.S. Army deserter Charles Robert Jenkins — shown Sunday at the Japanese ambassador's residenci in Jakarta, Indonesia — could get medical treatment in Japan.

specified health problems and Washington was not insisting he be treated at a hospital at a U.S. military base if he came to Japan

tary base if he came to Japan.
"It's certainly possible he could come to Japan, that the United States would insist on its rights, but that actual custody would not be sought or consummated under some circumstances," the ambassador added.

Jenkins, a North Carolina native, is accused of abandoning his Army unit on the Demilitarized Zone in 1965 and defecting to the North. He has lived in the North since.

U.S. won't renew normal relations with N. Korea

BY GEORGE GEDDA The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Citing concerns over human rights, a top State Department official said Thursday the United States will not establish normal relations with North Korea even if it fully meets U.S. demands for nuclear disarmament.

Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly made that point during a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing that focused on international efforts to convince North Korea to dismantle its nuclear weapons programs.

After four negotiating sessions with North Korea dating back to April 2003, Kelly said, "It is clear we are still far from agreement."

If North Korea takes substantial steps toward disarmament, the United States would be willing to extend trade and aid benefits to North Korea but not full normalization of relations. Kellv said.

That step could be taken only after North Korea improves its human rights performance and ends objectionable activity in other areas, he said.

The disarmament talks have concentrated solely on the nuclear im-

Kelly said the United States and its partners in the Beijing discussions believe the nuclear issue is paramount because of the threat posed by the "ever-increasing amounts of fissionable material" being developed by the North.

In addition to the United States and North Korea, the talks involve China, South Korea, Japan and

Kelly did not itemize the areas of U.S. concern about North Korea's behavior outside the nuclear arena but indicated he had no quarrel with a list of North Korean misdeeds presented at the hearing by Sen Sam Brownback R.Kan

Brownback said that about 10 percent of the North Korean population has starved to death over the past 10 years as a result of the communist government's policies. In addition, he said, they "are arms merchants for virtually every evil regime in the world."

Kelly said it is less a matter of rust than verification of what might be agreed to. If and when a nuclear agreement is reached, he said, there would be further discussions with North Korea on human rights, Pyongyang's missile program and the huge conventional force it maintains near the border with South Korea.

Kelly noted that at the most recent meeting of the parties, the United States presented a proposal of disarmament steps North Korea must take in exchange for economic benefits from other participants in the discussions.

For its part, North Korea is offering a nuclear freeze in exchange for energy assistance and a lifting of sanctions, Kelly said.





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Mandela urges more funds for AIDS effort

By JENNIFER CHEN The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand - Democracy icon Nelson Mandela called on governments, businesses and citizens on Thursday to donate generously to the war on AIDS, saying 'no amount is too small," as the United Nations blamed the epi-

demic for the plummeting life expectancy in parts of

Mandela's fervent apneal at the 15th International AIDS Conference followed announce-



ments Thurs day by the European Union and Bill Gates' foundation of fresh contributions totaling \$102 million to a U.N.-sponsored global fund to fight the epidemic

As the six-day conference wound down ahead of its closing ceremony Friday, protests continued against President Bush's funding policies and his emphasis on abstinence over condoms as a primary defense against HIV transmission.

"Bush is a jerk. Condoms work," about 20 youth protesters shouted as they briefly took over a U.S. government booth at the conference, distributing literature promoting condom use and prompting staff to leave.

Much of Bush's foreign aid on AIDS is tied to abstinence programs. Critics say a yow of abstinence is difficult to maintain and. when broken, can lead to unpro tected sex, raising the risk of HIV infection that could effectively be blocked by a condom.

Thursday was the last day of scientific presentations, with experts calling for urgent work on HIV-killing gels that could help protect women who can't rely on condoms. The gels, known as microbicides, and other prevention methods such as female condoms have gained importance as it has become clear an AIDS vaccine is still a long way off.

The vaginal gels could be applied long before intercourse and without a partner's knowledge. Dr. Zeda Rosenberg urged that \$1 billion be poured into research on such products over the next five vears

The science is there. The technology is there, and most of all, the passion and dedication of those in the field is palpable," she said.

More than 38 million people are infected with the HIV virus worldwide, about 25 million of them in sub-Saharan Africa. Some 3 million people died of AIDS last year, and only about 440,000 in the developing world are receiving treatment.

The conference, held every two years, is the biggest-ever assembly of AIDS scientists, activists, policy-makers and HIV-infected people, and has also drawn international dignitaries.

Singapore set for 'Sex'

SINGAPORE - This famously strait-laced city-state was bom-barded Thursday with garish, oink, full-page notices that — at ong last — its citizens can enjoy pink, 1411 long last -'Sex and the City."

HBO Asia, the cable television station that will air the series starting Friday night, took out the hard-to-miss advertisements in the conservative Straits Times newspaper and several other dailies to announce the show's imminent arrival.

The raunchy tales of four New York women and their relationships was long deemed too indecent for Singaporean audiences by the city-state's busy censors.

Crocs head to S. Korea

SEQUI. - Thirty crocodiles were put aboard a Korean Air jet on Thursday for a six-hour flight from Bangkok to South Korea. where they were headed for a zoo.

The group includes the biggest crocodile ever brought to South Korea, a 161/2-foot specimen that weighs about 1,980 pounds and is believed to be 60 years old.

The crocodiles, natives of Thailand, were headed for Theme Park ZooZoo in Goyang city outside Seoul, said Korean Air official Cho Hyong-chol

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IN THE STATES

I signed to increase ID theft punishment

WASHINGTON - President Bush signed a new law Thursday requiring stiff prison sentences for people convicted of using or providing fake IDs in committing terrorist acts and other types of crime.

The law is an important step in combating a type of crime that had 10 million U.S. victims last year, the president said in a signing ceremony at the White House. He said identity theft "undermines the basic trust on which our economy depends bing its victims of nearly \$50 billion in fraudulent transactions.

Identity thieves "can steal a victim's fi-nancial reputation" by running up bills that hurt the victim's credit rating, Bush

The legislation is meant to take away judges' ability to give probation, reduced sentences or concurrent sentences for identity theft linked to felony crimes. It was approved with bipartisan support, with lawmakers such as Sen Dianne Feinstein D-Calif., saying prosecutors need better tools to punish identity theft, especially when it is used to commit terrorist acts.

A provision imposing mandatory five-year prison terms would apply to peo

ole convicted of using or providing fake IDs to help terrorists. Providing fake IDs for non-terrorism-related crimes would carry a two-year prison term.

The legislation was sponsored by House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., who said al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations increasingly turn to stolen identities to hide themselves from law enforcement

In trips to three Midwest states this week, the president used national security to energize Republican audiences. At his last stop Wednesday night in Green Bay, Wis he told a crowd of several thousand

cheering supporters, "If America shows weakness or uncertainty in this decade, the world will drift toward tragedy."

"I will never relent in bringing justice to our enemies." Bush said as he linked terrorism and Saddam Hussein's regime in

Bush invoked the memory of his visit to the site of the fallen World Trade Center towers on Sept. 14, 2001, "a day I'll never forget.

Workers stood in the ruins at Ground Zero and demanded action, chanting to the president, "Whatever it takes," he recalled.

Congress OKs program to bank antidotes to chemical weapons

WASHINGTON — Enough new-generation anthrax vaccine to dose 25 million people: That's first on the U.S. government's shopping list under a massive new program to develop and stockpile antidotes to biological and chemical weapons.

Called Project BioShield, the \$5.6 billion program passed the House on a 414-2 vote Wednesday. The Senate passed it in May and President Bush's signature is guaran-

Federal health officials have their

wish-list ready: antidotes for botulism and anthrax, a safer smallpox vaccine, and a long-awaited children's version of an anti-radiation pill.

Project BioShield doesn't mean the gov ernment will make these products. In-stead, it offers pharmaceutical companies a guaranteed buyer — an incentive the in-dustry has long sought before spending mil-lions in research to produce terrorism countermeasures. Unless the federal government buys these products, proponents argue, the market will be too small to justify the research costs

Ditka nixes Senate run for GOP

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - With four months to go before the election, Illinois Republicans are desperately searching for a U.S. Senate candidate after former Chicago Bears coach Mike Ditka said he wouldn't run

The Republican State Central Committee must sift through a stack of would-be candidates to oppose Democrat Barack Obama, a state senator from Chicago who has drawn a national following among party progressives and raised a large way

Republicans confessed Wednesday night they had no surefire strategy for finding a candidate who could raise money and take on Obama.



rolling Monday and the NFL Hall of Famer said the idea of running for the seat of retiring U.S. Sen. Peter Fitzgerald excited him. By Wednesday night, however, Ditka said that he'd decided

bandwagon started

against it.
"There was a moment when I said, God, I'd like to take this and run with it, and then I said, you know, put your head on straight and think about what you're getting into," Ditka said.

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Northeast cleans up from flooding, awaits more rain

CAMPBELLTOWN, Pa. - Melissa and Brian Bucciarelli sifted

through rubble after their home was flattened by thunderstorms packing high winds in south-central Pennsylvania.

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The Bucciarellis, who were not home when the storms hit, managed to recover a photo album from their honeymoon in Italy.

"You can't even fathom what vou do next." Melissa Bucciarelli said Wednesday

At least two dozen people were injured, one critically, during the storms and 50 homes in a development were damaged. Authorities were trying to determine whether a tornado was responsible

Thirteen-year-old Hetrick, who was home when the storm hit, said she heard "kind of like a screeching noise" and looked outside to see many trees knocked over. The storm lasted about an hour, she said.

High wind and heavy rains have damaged hundreds of houses, stalled cars, breached small dams, downed power lines and closed roadways from spots in

Eastern Seaboard in an onslaught of severe weather since Monday.

The storms wreaked havoc with airline schedules as well, delaying flights Wednesday to New Jersey's Newark Liberty International Airport by more than three hours. Other airports along the East Coast - in Baltimore, Washington, Boston, New York and Philadelphia — experienced delays of up to an hour.

In New Jersey, nearly three dozen homes were evacuated Wednesday night in Pemberton Township as emergency management officials released water from a storm-battered dam on Rancocas Creek as a precaution

Authorities determined the dam was in danger of collapse from a buildup of water. The Pemberton Township mayor ordered the evacuation of 32 families, said Burlington County spokesman Dave Wyche



Derry Township police officer Anthony Clements surveys the rubble that a storm caused to fellow officer Garth Warner's Campbelltown, Pa., home on Wednesday. The family is safe.

Woman offered pig to escaped tiger

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. - A woman who offered to use her 5-month-old pig as bait to lure a tiger that escaped from the home of an actor who once played Tarzan will be cited for animal cruelty,

Linda Meredith, of Loxahatchee, put the pig in the trunk of her car and drove to the neighborhood where officials were searching for the tiger shortly after she heard of its escape.

Meredith asked officers to grab the hind legs of the pig, named Baby, or twist its ears so it would squeal and attract the tiger

The officers declined her offer. Meredith said she was planning to eat the pig when it is full grown.

"I can't believe they have the gall," she said. "I was just trying to help the tiger find his way back

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Left: Soldiers of the 78th Aviation Battalion from Camp Zama iump out of a UH-60 Black Hawk during ditching and extraction training Thursday in Tokyo Bay, off Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, Far left: Pfc. Alfred Cain, of the 78th Aviation Battalion, climbs up the cable ladder into the Black

Below: Soldiers climb into the Black Hawk out of Tokyo Bay's iellyfish-infested waters



Army pilots, crew endure grueling over-water training

By JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan rough the spray of seawater, it's hard to see the small cable-and-aluminum ladder barely a hand's-width across bouncing in the waves. But members of the Army's 78th Aviation Battalion from Camp Zama each must find and ascend that ladder as part of their annual water-survival training

On Thursday, the bulk of the battalion — pilots, crew chiefs, air traffic controllers, refuelers and medics - plunged from a Black Hawk heliconter to practice ditching and extracting over water, training that prepares them for an emergency when they might have to bail out and be rescued by another

As the soldiers jump in uniform and boots, they cross their legs and cover their faces to reduce the chance of injury. Jumpers have been injured hitting their heads on the helicopter as they fall or by falling incorrectly. Others have slipped off and fallen while climbing back up

All the while, they face a tangled mass of white jellyfish in Tokyo Bay.

"It's one of the most intense water pro-

grams in the Army," said Sgt. John Valver-de, a crew chief. This is partly because their

mission takes them over water more often than other commands. The battalion adapted a U.S. Navy

over-water training program about five years ago when its mission evolved and included more over-water travel, said Spc. Lex Dreeson, water survival noncommissioned officer

The training includes four parts, some mental and some physical. Sol-diers start with several swim tests in a pool, sometimes wearing uniforms

and boots The soldiers then are thrown into a pool in a survival water egress trainer, or SWET, a chair device that plunges the occupant into the water with the force and confusion of a crash. They do that again blindfolded.

"So you get the feeling of being disoriented," said Capt. Daniel Rice, training and operations officer

Next is dunk training on Okinawa in a simulated cockpit and cargo area that's similar to the SWET chair. The training usually involves rotated dunks since a downed helo often flips in water.

"It's learning to relax when you're upside

down with water rushing into your sinuses," said Chief Warrant Officer Antonio Ruiz, water survival officer in charge That's the mental part, he said - staving

calm as water rushes into your head. They also study the physics of air and how it acts under 44 It's hard to find training that's water Finally, they practice ditching over the sea. this valuable and "It gives you an idea of what to do, so there's a muscle memory," said Chief Warrant Officer W.

that's this fun. 77 Capt. Daniel Rice Training and operations officer. Chris Purser, a pilot. "So you don't panic.

78th Aviation Battalion Pilots and crew practice until each part is familiar and the fear subsides. They're assisted by water-survival instructors such as Ruiz and Dreeson who have specialized training to assist soldiers. Fear. Ruiz said, increases the chance of

death in an emergency. "That's what causes a lot of fatalities," he said. "Training helps alleviate the fear.

The soldiers jump from 10 feet at 10 knots. It's the same procedure they would ideally use in an emergency or when dropping off special operations troops. They practice parts of the training - such as climbing the ladder - back at their hangar. But the real thing stings with seawater and deafens unprotected ears.

Climbing up, the winds push you down, water blasts your face and a drenched uniform and boots add weight. For the first four rungs, it takes arm strength alone until you get high enough to position a boot on the lad-der. And if the soldier has been in the water, exhaustion can set in.

"You can't really see a whole lot when you're down there," Valverde said. "You feel around for the ladder."

The exercise trains pilots, as well. They

must maneuver over the jumpers and hold a manual hover, one of the hardest skills to do over water where there are few points of ref-

erence to focus on Purser said

The training creates a more cohesive battalion since everyone, officer and enlisted,

works together. "It builds esprit de corps," Rice said. "We were in the water and the guvs were all sav-

ing 'I can't believe I get paid for this.'"

Rice recently came from a combat mission in Iraq with the 101st Airborne Division, where training was focused on avoiding the enemy and managing heat, wind and sand.

Here the training is still as serious, but more controlled and a lot more fun, he said. "It's hard to find training that's this valuable and that's this fun.'

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The goal: Safety

35th's Life Support Section named best in the Air Force

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN Stars and Strings

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — When Capt. Kris Padilla pulls G-forces over the frigid Sea of Japan, he doesn't fret about his parachute harness or whether his anti-exposure suit is up to task

Backing Padilla and the other nilots of Misawa's 35th Fighter Wing is a life support team that the Air Force considers the best in the

The 35th Fighter Wing Life Suport Section has earned the title of the Air Force's 2003 Outstanding Aircrew Life Support Small Pro-



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The service finally noticed Mis awa's 19 life support airmen after the unit was named best in Pacific Air Forces three years running, beating out every base excluding Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, the only PACAF base without a life support program, officials said.

Basically, everything we do re-"Basicany, everyning we do re-volves around making sure the pilot can fly and fight safely," said Master Sgt. William Ryan, 35th Fighter Wing Life Support superintendent. "That's our number one goal here."

Misawa's life support oversees the equipment, gear and survival training of about 90 pilots, both those with the 13th and 14th fighter squadrons and others not attached to the wing, such as fliers from 5th Air Force and visiting dignitaries. "Anyone who flies in the F-16,"

Ryan said Life support technicians ensure a pilot's helmet fits and that all the headgear pieces work, from tiny snaps to vital microphones. They make sure nothing is broken or ripped before an aviator closes the cocknit and that he knows how to use the 30 pounds to 40 pounds of equipment on his body, from the signal mirror in his survival vest to the life-raft sea anchor

"If the equipment fails or they



don't know how to use it, it's a done

eal," Ryan said. Life support is a job that literally an mean the difference between life and death for an aviator, especially at Misawa, where the jets are single-engine and 90 percent of the fighter pilots' missions are over water. And that water, during northern Japan's long winters, often is ice cold.
"About 60 to 70 percent of the

time that we fly, the water is below 60 degrees," Padilla said. In water that chilly, take away

the anti-exposure suit — or put a tear in it — and a pilot would have about 15 to 20 minutes before his body would start to shut down and he wouldn't be able to keep him-self alive, said Staff Sgt. Tony Raciborski, who oversees combat and water survival training



ove: Senior Airman Shawn Garrett, left, and Master Sgt. William Ryan, hold up an anti-exposure suit, one of many pieces of life support gear that Misawa Air Base, Japan, fighter pilots wear on training and real-world missions. Left: Airman 1st Class Roi Yeandel, an aircrew life support technician with 35th Fighter Wing Life Support, conducts a post-flight inspection of a pilot's helmet to ensure all the parts work.

"If equipment such as the harness, survival vest, anti-exposure suit, if that type of equipment failed, we'd be SOL, for lack of a better word, outside the aircraft."

"Their expertise allows us to fly our mission and focus on the train ing as opposed to what's going to happen if we punch out today," Pa-dilla said of life support.

Ryan said that everyone in life support is a jack-of-all-trades, with knowledge of numerous programs and systems, from night vision goggles to aircrew chemical warfare

The operations tempo is fairly high here," he said. "Being able to maintain the standard that we do under a pretty good operations tempo is truly a hats-off to my

The next challenge for the life support team is fitting Misawa's fighter pilots with a new helmet called the joint helmet mounting cueing system. The de-vice, among other features, allows pilots to accurately direct onboard weapons against enemy aircraft while performing high-G aircraft maneuvers. The system is part of upgrades and new training that Misawa's F-16s and pilots current-

ly are receiving in the States. "We're getting ready to come on line with it," Ryan said. "Our biggest role is to make sure it's main-tained and fits correctly, which is huge. If it doesn't fit correctly, it's

of no use to them. The first planes are due back Aug. 9. officials said.

Alternative Rock Band

Sharky's Beverage Company Friday, July 23 at 2000

Formed in 1998 and hailing from Houston, Texas The Rachels have become one of the most sought after bands in the south. Averaging 200 plus shows a year over the past two years, The Rachels have been dubbed Houston's "hardest working band." With 3 full-length albums to their credit the band has supported each album with non-stop touring and has had support from several radio DJ's in Houston.



Cell phones become spam's latest target

Unwanted promotions could grow more troublesome if text messaging increases

BY WENDY TANAKA

The Philadelphia Inquires No longer just the scourge of computer inboxes, spam has

begun trickling into cell phones. Sometimes it's a text message that pops up on your cell-phone screen, advertising lewd or dubious services, or new offers from your cell-phone provider. Other times it's a harmless message transmitted via the short-range technology known as Bluetooth, inviting passers-by into a nearby

So far, it seems to be mostly a minor annovance.

coffee shop.

"I just delete them." said Colin Powers, 20, a student at the Art Institute of Philadelphia. He has received a few unsolicited text messages hawking "special offers" at Web sites.

And while Christian Petrucci 33, a lawyer, said he has not received spam on his cell phone yet, he thinks it could explode the way Internet snam has

"Spam wasn't an e-mail problem a few years ago," he said.

Is cell-phone spam likely to evolve into something that big something approaching the scale of e-mail spam? Experts are divid

"Stay tuned. We, too, will get swamped." said David Farber, a

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Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh and former chief technologist at the Federal Communications Commission

Wireless providers are aware of the potential for a problem, but say they are guarding against it

"We've been successful at beating it back," said Sheldon Jones, spokesman for Verizon Wireless. "But like your home computer,

there are some that get through." In Japan, where text messag ing is more popular than talking on cell phones, wireless spam was a huge problem a few years ago. NTT DoCoMo Inc., Japan's largest cell-phone provider, said spam text messages overloaded its systems at times in 2000 and 2001, freezing some customers screens and spreading programs that caused some phones to automatically dial Japan's equivalent

company brought the problem under control by installing security and spam-filtering software on its network and in its phones.

John Summers, global director for managed security at Pennsylvania-based Unisys Corp., said U.S. cell-phone users are unlikely to face similar problems, for sev eral reasons

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First, U.S. cell-phone customers do comparatively little text messaging. According to Forrester Research Inc., 17 percent of IIS cell-phone customers were sending text messages as of the third quarter of last year. By comparison, NTT DoCoMo said about 80 percent of its customers use text messaging.

U.S. cell-phone companies have learned from the mistakes of carriers in other countries and have installed technology to prevent spam and viruses from reaching cell phones.

Also, it's easier to detect cell-phone spammers than e-mail snammers.

Cell-phone messages come from one of six carriers, as opposed to thousands of traditional Internet service providers.

Text messages sent from one carrier to another may not go through, because the networks are not always technically compatible.

Plus it's expensive to send cell-phone spam. Most carriers charge between 8 cents and 12 cents per message, while sending spam over the Internet is virtual ly free.

And receiving text messages costs, too — typically 2 cents to 3 cents per message.

Cell-phone companies have a

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Christian Petrucci, a lawyer shown last month in Philadelphia, says he has not received spam on his cell phone. The trend seems to be expanding, though few expect cell-phone spam to cause as much trouble in the States as it has in Japan, where text messaging is more popular.

strong financial interest in keeping text-message snam under control, Summers said, because text-messaging represents a potentially lucrative revenue stream. They have been encouraging "texting," particularly among teenagers and young adults.

"That's the pot of gold they want to get to," Summers said. "If things like spamming or message abuse start making that unpopu lar, it damages that opportunity,

In most cases, customers can ask their cellular providers to re-move charges incurred from spam. Verizon Wireless, for instance, said it will credit accounts for messages customers identify as snam

And cell-phone companies say they monitor call and text volumes continuously for spam.

"When we see a spike in the

number of calls or text messages, we know something's going on, Sprint PCS spokesman Charles Fleckenstein said.

'We can see how our switches are handling the traffic."

As for those unsolicited commercial text messages that have begun making their way onto cell-phone screens via Bluetooth technology: They are free to send and receive, and they do not seem to be causing much concern. Bluetooth was invented to let a gadget such as a cell phone be used with, say, a wireless headset, but the same short-range technology can be used to send a text message to any nearby, Bluetooth-equipped

That is what hannened recently to clothing designer Lizz Wasser man, 23, as she walked past a cafe in New York City. The message that popped up on her phone: "Don't you want a cup of coffee?"



Keep vacation on budget

NEW YORK - Vacations are a great way to relax and have fun, but they can also be stressful on your finances That's why 80 percent of trav-

elers this summer are planning to use budgets to keep spending in line, reports Visa USA.

To budget for your upcoming vacation, consider the following

■ Preparation expenses: If you're traveling abroad, account for passport, visa and inoculation fees. Also include what you'll need to pay to care for pets or children remaining at

■ Transportation: If you're fly ing, figure out what you'll pay not only for tickets, but also for transportation to and from the airport (including rental cars) and parking. If you're driving, add in the costs of fuel, tolls, meals and hotels for the duration of your drive.

On-site costs: Once you reach your destination, you'll need to think about the cost of your room, meals, tips, phone or Internet charges, as well as souvenirs and gifts. Estimate what you'll pay for activities, equipment rental and other types of entertainment

Subtract the total expected expenses from your vacation sav-

Then you'll know how much extra you can afford to spend if any - on vacation fun

Another way to stick to a budget is to limit the number of credcards you bring along. By

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Greater sensitivity today

During my stay in Iraq, where I have had the most time to think in my life, I've come to understand why our country and others are generally opposed to the war: sensitivi-

. We are becoming more sympathetic and sophisticated. There are increasing num bers of American citizens who are becoming more sensitive to the war because we

have evolved I do not see our sensitivity as a weakness. however. It is our sensitivity that has cleansed our existence, changed us and

made us better We are not the same war-hungry kind that existed years ago. We are human beings at a more sensitive level than ever before because we know where pointless wars can lead a nation. We are no longer the barbarians that came into this world. We are no longer motivated by war like nations years We do not see war like the Greeks, Turks and Trojans did. Or like France and Britain's years of war. We are no longer crusaders looking for conquest and a good

fight. So many wars were caused by misleading information, hearsay, or lack of communica tion. That shouldn't be the case in today's world

We have so many new, innovative ways to communicate but we don't know how to communicate.

Our own leaders can't fathom the idea of talking, negotiating or problem-solving with countries we're targeting to stimulate our economy. Unless, that is, you have a nuke. Then you have our undivided attention and a free pass to a U.N. summit.

The world we live in is not filled with the crusaders, conquerors and barbarians it once was. We have become sensitive to war because this world has suffered enough from it. Going to war isn't going to put food in people's mouths, filter pollution in the air or make a group appreciate you more. I thought we evolved past this.

I understand there are times to fight. But just think of how many fights you avoided because you realized how pointless it was.

Sensitivity has evolved and barbaric urges for the most part have dissolved. But we still have people in this world who will be quick to the punch and procrastinate on

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talks. Some of these people run our very own country.

Matt King Baghdad

Dad thanks those who helped On July 2, I was wakened by my first sergeant at 5 a.m. and given one of the hardest pills to swallow: My 7-year-old daughter had a brain tumor and would be operated on

in the morning. Life expectancy was an First there was shock and disbelief

along with the fear and sorrow involved with losing one of the most blessed things in one's life Always being a person who tries to do ev-

erything himself. I wasn't sure how I could get to my baby before she went under the knife I didn't sit in despair for long

First Sgt. Gear showed up with a leave form and news that a helicopter was coming in three hours to get me. In that time I was able to get myself together, cry and finally hand over all of my tasks to 1st Lt. Milbrath. so that the mission would continue

He wasn't overly concerned about the

"doo doo sandwich" that was dropped in his lap. He just wanted me to go home

I went to the Internet cafe and reached my wife. I tried to talk to my baby daughter. but I was afraid I would scare her by sobbing like a baby on the phone, so I made it short: I loved her very much, and I was coming home to see her.

I had no idea how I could fulfill the prom-

ise. The one thing I had learned in life is that one rarely has as much time as one thinks they have.

The chopper showed up on time, and I was immediately flown to [Logistical Sup-port Area] Anaconda, Iraq, where I was promptly assisted by Sgt. Browning. I never even had to look for him; he looked for me. Thanks to Capt. Berry, the first sergeant, Maj. Barclay, and the G1 staff, all the way up to Col. Kamena. I had my letter of release and was on the first bird going to Frankfurt, Germany.

When we hit the ground, the Air Force

pilot and crew stopped unloading the plane to put me on the bus to go immediately to the passenger terminal. Thanks to Pvts. 1st Class Kiel and Pollard, Sgt. Schwartz, and the leaders of the rear detachment, there was a car waiting for me that immediately drove me to a hospital in Mannheim where my baby was waiting on me.

For all of them, it was mission accomplished; for my family the battle moved into another phase. Thanks to all of their efforts, I was able to hold my baby's hand, kiss her, tell her that I loved her, and let her know how special she was in our lives.

At that time, life was measured only in hours; but due to skilled and caring doctors. and God's divine mercy, Elzem, means "most necessary" in Turki which in Turkish, will continue to bless our lives.

The day after Elzem got out of the intensive care unit, my former first sergeant, Brent Jurgersen, and his wife visited us on their way back from Landstuhl, where he had undergone multiple surgeries after a gunshot wound to the face. They came to help us - go figure.

There is still a long, uncertain road ahead for our family, but due to my fellow soldiers actions on the longest day of my life. I'm even more convinced why we are the greatest Army in the world — it's because we care. Sgt. 1st Class Frederic Lau

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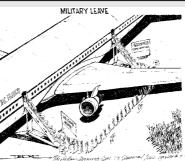


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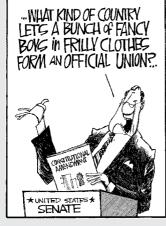






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New direction for Tarantino's love life

At the Cannes Film Festival in May, director Quentin Tarantino announced, "Cinema, mon amour!" It appears he may have another love in his life



Tarantino and filmmaker Sofia Coppola are "seeing each other, Bumble Ward, publicist for both, confirmed Tuesday.

"enjoy each other's compa-Ward told The Associated

Press Earlier this year, Coppola, 33, won the Oscar for best original screen-play for "Lost in Translation." Taran-

won the screenplay Oscar in 1995 for "Pulp Fiction." The couple were recently photo-graphed together in Madrid, Spain,

where the 41-year-old Tarantino was promoting the second installment of his bloody revenge series, "Kill Bill."

Tarantino is the third director in Coppola's life. She's the daughter of Oscar-winning director Francis Ford Coppola, and was married to director Spike Jonze ("Adaptation" and "Being John Malkovich") for four years

WB stars to wed

The stars of "One Tree Hill" are going to make it a two-

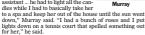
Chad Michael Murray announced Monday that he and his WB co-star Sophia Bush are engaged to be married. Both perform-

ers are 22 The actor, now promoting the romantic comedy "A Cinderella Story," made the revelation on CBS'

"The Late Late Show With Craig Kil. Murray said he popped the ques-

tion while they were in Australia, where he was finishing work on the movie "House of Wax." "I had like 500 candles ... and my

assistant ... he had to light all the candles while I had to basically take her



Murray wouldn't specify what the message read "Dude, that's for her I'd love to tell you, but that's just for my girl.'

Bergman making final stage exit

Ingmar Bergman, one of the great masters of modern film, celebrated his 86th birthday Wednesday with a sour gift for fans - an announcement that he's retiring from the stage Bergman said his 2002 production of Henrik Ibsen's

"Ghost" at Sweden's Royal Dramatic Theatre would be his last.

"After 'Ghost,' I decided that this must be it. I do not want them to carry me out of the theater. I'm leaving by myself," he said in an interview with the newspaper Dagens Nyheter. "Nobody will need to say, 'Now the old man has to quit."

Presley women survive star trap

Life after Elvis is far from heartbreak hotel for the Presley women.

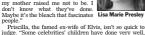
In the August issue of Vogue, three generations of Pres-levs — Priscilla, her daughter. Lisa Marie, and Lisa Marie's daughter, Danielle Riley

candidly discuss their lives.

Lisa Marie, Elvis' daughter turned pop star, expressed relief that her

teenage daughter, who uses her mid-dle name, Riley, hadn't turned out like Paris Hilton In April 2003, Lisa Marie said simi-

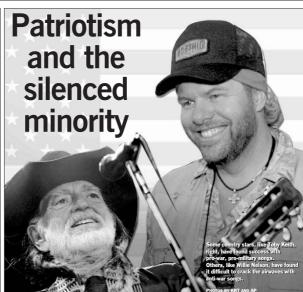
lar things about Paris and her sister, Nicky, to the Los Angeles Times: "Those two are the epitome of what my mother raised me not to be. I don't know what they've done. Maybe it's the bleach that fascinates people



and some are still struggling," the 59-year-old tells the magazine. "It's a very difficult position to be in." Riley, Lisa Marie's daughter from her marriage to

Danny Keough, is just beginning a modeling career





Country radio embracing pro-war songs while shutting out opposing viewpoints

By JOHN GEROME The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn ountry music artists are hardly united in their support of the war in Iraq — but you'd never know it from listening to the radio.

While Toby Keith, Darryl Worley and Charlie Daniels have scored hits with patriotic, war-themed songs, others such as Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard and Nanci Griffith released anti-war, or at least questioning, songs that went nowhere

"Country radio does enough research that they understand listeners are supportive of the military in Iraq and just don't want to get involved with those songs," said John Hart, president of Nashville-based Bullseye Marketing Re-

"I work with 32 stations, and I have not seen one test any of these anti-war songs.

But the patriotic tunes that were everywhere at the beginning of the military campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq have slowed. John Michael Montgomery's touching "Let-ters from Home" is the only current chart hit with a war theme, and it is neither an angry call to arms nor a love letter to America.

Hart believes the flag-waving songs reached a saturation point. He also says the continuing hostilities in Iraq and recent prison abuse scandal may have tempered the enthusiasm expressed early in the conflict.
"I think right now the labels and radio feel they have

come to a line in the sand where they need to slow down,"
Hart said. "And the artists are hesitant to release anything right now that they think might be overkill

At the recent Country Music Association Music Festival in Nashville, liberal comedian Al Franken said the back-lash against the Dixie Chicks after lead singer Natalie Maines criticized President Bush on a London stage last year had "a chilling effect on what people felt they could or couldn't say" in country music.

"And that's too bad," Franken said. "I think people

should be free to express their politics."

Worley too cited the Divie Chicks' incident

They made a pretty strong statement about the president, and we haven't heard much of them on country radio, either. There is a silent majority in this country, and it is a whole lot stronger than people might think.

Country artists are regarded as more conservative than those in other genres, but there are exceptions. Alt-country icons Emmylou Harris, Steve Earle, Rosanne Cash and Lucinda Williams lent their names to a petition by the protest group Musicians United to Win Without War. Respected songwriters Rodney Crowell and The Mavericks' Raul Malo have been frank about their opposition to the presi-dent. A new group called the Music Row Democrats formed this year to give a political voice to country songwriters, musicians, producers and record executives

Still, the few country songs that have express reserva-tions about Iraq have failed to click.

Worley believes some of that has to do with the artists releasing them, noting that veteran singers such as Nelson and Haggard have had trouble cracking the charts with any kind of song in recent years. But market researcher Hart thinks it is more than that.

He says an anti-war song by a hot contemporary artist would fizzle as well because of the conservative tilt of country audiences 'I've been in country music since 1972, and I think every

conflict is that way," said Hart, a Vietnam veteran. "Every time we bomb somebody it's 'Hell yeah! Let's kick their ... 'That's where country music is coming from."
Singer Kenny Rogers, whose group The First Edition

had one of the most poignant hits of the Vietnam era with "Ruby," a dark tale about a crippled Vietnam veteran whose woman is cheating on him, says the political climate today is much different than in the 1960s and '70s.

"People are afraid to write about it, and people are afraid to play it," Rogers said. "I don't know of a successful song that has said 'We need to stop this,' "he said. "But I do think if one were written well and had an honest thought process behind it and was not strictly politically driven, radio would play it."

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

'Angels in America' leads mixed Emmy list

HBO soars ahead of network pack with 124 nominations

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - A change in voting rules aimed at adding spice to the Emmys resulted in a nominations mix of TV's mainstream and cult favorites

A lot of the old favorites are still there: "The Sopranos," "The West Wing," "Everybody Loves Raymond," but fellow contenders this time included Fox's low-rated sardonic comedy "Arrested Development," CBS pop-spirituality drama "Joan of Arcadia" and the star of the canceled sitcom "Life With Bonnie."

"It really is a fresh mix here. That's what we were trying to do, shake things up a little," TV Academy Chairman Dick Askin

Premium cable channel HBO dominated Thursday, receiving nearly twice as many nominations as any broadcast network and fielding many of the leading

"Angels in America," the HBO miniseries about vengeful ghosts, beatific angels and ordinary people enduring the AIDS crisis in the 1980s, had the most nominations with 21.

"The Sopranos," HBO's perennial nominee that has yet to win a best drama series award, was the leading nominee among regular shows with 20, including a first-ever best supporting actress bid for Drea de Matteo, who played the unlucky mob girlfriend Adriana.

"If you thought Adriana cried a lot ... you ain't seen nothin' yet. ... 'cause I'm cryin' like crazy now," de Matteo said in a statement, written in her signature New-Yorkese.

TV Academy members gave a fond farewell to HBO's "Sex and the City" with a best comedy series nod for its final season, but didn't nominate two other depart-ing series, NBC's "Friends" and "Frasier."

All four "Sex and the City stars picked up nominations: Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis and Cynthia Nixon in the supporting comedy actress category and Sarah Jessica Parker for lead comedy ac-

"We've never all been nominated, and that's really great, Nixon said. "And also you figure, we're not filming the show anymore, we feel like, 'Well, maybe people have moved on.' But it's nice to see that they remember

Joining Parker in the lead comedy actress class was Bonnie Hunt of "Life with Bonnie." which ABC recently canceled.

Meanwhile, John Ritter, the "8 Simple Rules" comedy star who died last year, received a posthumous nomination as best lead actor in a comedy series.

Along with "The Sopranos" and "Joan of Arcadia," other nominees in the best drama series category were "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," "24," and last year's winner, "The West Wing."

Joining "Arrested Development" and "Sex and the City" in the best comedy series category: "Curb Your Enthusiasm," "Will & Grace" and last year's winner. CBS' "Everybody Loves Ray-mond."

"The Reagans," which was bounced from CBS to cable's Showtime after some complained it was unfair to President Reagan, received seven nominations including outstanding made-for-TV movie. James Brolin and Judy Davis, who played Ronald and Nancy Reagan, received acting

HBO received 124 nominations, nearly twice that of run-ner-up NBC with 65 bids. CBS received 44 nominations; ABC had 33, Fox 31 and PBS 27

"Angels in America" was nominated as outstanding miniseries and earned acting bids for stars Emma Thompson, Al Pacino and

Meryl Streep. Playwright Tony Kushner's Pulitzer Prize-winning story was a

risky proposition at the start. "We all felt that way. Even (director Mike Nichols) didn't know how it was going to come out as a movie. Under his tutelage it took on a life of its own and became a whole new beast," said Justin Kirk, who played a recently diag-nosed AIDS patient who was abandoned by his lover.

In February, the academy shook up Emmy rules to freshen



Mary-Louise Parker, left, and Jeffrey Wright are shown in a scene from HBO's "Angels in America." The surreal miniseries, adapted from a Pulitzer Prize-winning play about New Yorkers affected by the AIDS crisis in the 1980s, received 21 Emmy nominations Thursday.



Amber Tamblyn, front, stars in CBS' "Joan of Arcadia" with, from left in background, Jason Ritter, Michael Welch, Mary Steenburgen and Joe

Mantegna, Tamblyn and the show are nominated for Emmys.

a competition that repeatedly saw the same shows vying for and winning trophies.

Academy members were given the opportunity to choose up to 10 ees per category, double the previous number, with the top five vote-getters ending up as the nominees in each category.

The Emmys are scheduled to air Sept. 19 on ABC, with Garry Shandling as host

The nominees are ... Drama Series: "CSI: Crime come Investigation," CBS; "Joan of Arcadia," CBS; "The Sopranos," HBO; "24," Fox; "The West Wing," NBC.

Comedy Series: "Arrested Development," Fox; "Curb Your Enthusiasm," HBO; "Ev-erybody Loves Raymond," CBS; "Sex and the City," HBO;

CBS; "Sex and the City," HBO;
"Will & Grace," NBC.

Actor, Drama Series: James
Spader, "The Practice," ABC;
James Gandolfini, "The Sopranos," HBO; Kiefer Sutherland, '24," Fox; Martin Sheen, West Wing," NBC; Anthony LaPaglia, "Without a Trace," CBS

Actress, Drama Series: Jennifer Garner, "Alias," ABC, Amber Tamblyn, "Joan of Arcadia," CBS; Mariska Hargitay, "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," NBC; Edie Falco, "The Sopranos," HBO; Allison Jan-ney, "The West Wing," NBC.

Actor, Comedy Series: Larry David, "Curb Your Enthusi-asm," HBO; John Ritter, "8 Sim-

asm,"HBO; John Ritter, "S Simple Rules," ABC; Kelsey Grammer, "Frasier," NBC; Matt LeBanc, "Friends," NBC; Tony Shalhoub, "Monk," USA.

Actress, Comedy Series: Patricia Heaton, "Everybody Lowes Raymond," CBS, Jennifer Aniston, "Friends," NBC;
Bennie Hurt, "H& With Ben. fer Aniston, "Friends," NBC; Bonnie Hunt, "Life With Bon-nie," ABC; Jane Kaczmarek, "Malcolm in the Middle." Fox: Sarah Jessica Parker, "Sex and the City," HBO. - The Associated Press

Slim-Fast dumps Whoopi ad campaign over Bush joke at rally

LOS ANGELES - The Slim-Fast diet drink company

has dumped Whoopi Goldberg from its advertising because its executives were unhappy with remarks the comedian made at a recent political rally that mocked President George Bush

"We are disappointed by the manner in which Goldberg chose to express herself and sincerely regret that her recent remarks offended some of our consumers. Ads featuring Ms. Goldberg will no longer be on the air," Slim-Fast general manager Terry Olson said in a release Wednes-

Goldberg participated at a recent Democratic fund-rais-

er at Radio City Music Hall in New York, joining performers such as John Mellencamp, Jon Bon Jovi. Paul Newman and Meryl Streep. In a speech mocking the Bush ad-

ministration, Goldberg used his surname as a sexual reference. The event raised \$7.5 million for the John Kerry-John Edwards presi-

dential ticket. Both Kerry and Edwards attended. The GOP immediately declared

the fund-raiser a "hatefest" that exposed the Democratic ticket's liberal



"Hollywood values," The New York Daily News reported in its Thursday editions.

Republican Party leaders demanded an apology, Gold-

berg refused.

While I can appreciate what the SlimFast people need to do in order to protect their business, I must also do what I need to do as an artist, as a writer and as an Ameri-can, not to mention as a comic," the Daily News reported Goldberg as saying.

SlimFast said it was deluged with complaints about the notty-mouthed tirade. A Kerry spokeswoman said Kerry did not agree with ev-

erything said at the fund-raiser but chose not to comment on Goldberg, the Daily News reported.

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Football bar brawl

TAMPA — A dispute over a \$1,670 bar tab turned into a brawl over the weekend involving Tampa Bay Buccaneers wide receiver Frank Murnhy police sav

Murphy, 27, walked into Bahasa Lounge with about 30 friends as part of a benefit for children. The trouble when he came walking out without paying the tab. police said.

He argued with staffers and then punched employee Michael Garvin, 23, police said. Garvin went down and Murphy kicked him, investigators said.

Murphy left, but returned about 30 minutes later, after changing clothes. His attorney was with him. Murphy was not arrested because the battery was a misdemeanor, said Tampa police Lt. Mike Palm-

"Since he's Frank Murphy the Tampa Bay Buc, everybody assumed that he was good for the ' Palmieri said "Obviously, they found out otherwise.

Day-care worker cleared

NH STRATHAM — No charges will be filed against a day-care center worker accused of inappropriately touching two children

Rockingham County Attorney Jim Reams said there was not enough evidence to prosecute the worker, who resigned from Bright Horizons when the allegations were made last month. Bright Horizons mostly serves children of workers at Timberland Co., which owns the building in which the center is located

Interstate bus arrest

AMARILLO - An Ohio man rushed to the front of a Greyhound bus going about 70 mph, vanked on the steering wheel, then battled the driver for control because he thought President Bush was onboard and in danger of being hijacked, according to court records.

The driver called for help, and a male passenger detained the man so the driver could call 911 for help, according to the FBI affida-

Bryan Luther Thomas, 48, of Columbus was arrested July 6 after the Albuquerque-to-Amarillo bus pulled over near Amarillo on Interstate 40. He was charged in federal court Monday with attempting to incapacitate a driver operating a mass transportation vehicle. Thomas remained in custody

Tuesday after U.S. Magistrate Clinton E. Averitte ordered him detained pending further court hear-

If convicted, Thomas faces 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Mistaken shooting

CO DENVER - Police responding to a report of a woman being assaulted by her husband shot and killed the suspect's uncle, who was watching televi-

Police Chief Gerry Whitman said Monday that an officer mistook a soda can Frank Lobato was

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holding for a weapon and shot him Sunday after he moved suddenly. Lobato, 63, was an invalid who needed crutches to move around and until last week had been living in a homeless shelter, relatives said

"This situation involves two tragedies: a brutal case of domestic violence and a loss of life." Mayor John Hickenlooper said.

Medical helo crash

JALAPA — A medical helicopter crashed in a heavily wood area on Tuesday morning, killing all four people on board, a hospital spokeswoman said.

The helicopter crashed in rough terrain after picking up a car crash victim from Interstate 26, Sheriff Lee Foster said. It was reported down at 5:55 a.m. on U.S. Forest Service land

Killed were the pilot, a flight nurse, paramedic and the patient, said Betsy McMillan, spokeswomfor Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System.

She had no information on the cause of the crash

Teacher test foul-up

DC WASHINGTON — About 4,100 people who passed teacher licensing tests were incorrectly told they failed, delaying or preventing some from getting jobs, the testing company says.

The Educational Testing Ser-



Fighting the flames

A helicopter drops water on the Snow Creek brush fire near Palm Springs, Calif. About 1.000 firefighters were backed by helicopters and planes as they worked to contain the fire in the the San Bernardino National Forest.

vice, a private company that administers more than 12 million tests worldwide is tracking down each person who received a faulty score to apologize and re-fund the \$115 test fee and other expenses

The company is also notifying the 19 states that use the Praxis exam in question, one that tests teaching and content knowledge for prospective educators of grades seven

Ky. cross burning

BURLINGTON — A black family has moved out of a predominantly white neighborhood in northern Kentucky after finding a charred cross in their front yard.

The FBI and the Boone County Sheriff's Department are investigating the case as a possible civil-rights violation.

Fred Mahone. 18-year-old stepdaughter 16-year-old stepson moved to the neighborhood in February. Mahone said he was walking to his car July 2 when he noticed a 3-foot-tall burnt cross under a tree in his front yard.

Mahone filed a report with the sheriff's department. The next morning he found two windows of his car smashed and filed another report.

Detective retiring

AUGUSTA - The state police detective who was be hind the wheel of Gov. John Baldacci's sport utility vehicle when it crashed last winter retired Thursday after 20 years on the force and said his departure was unrelated to the accident.

James Trask, 42, said he is retiring because he is now eligible for a pension and plans to take a better-naving and less dangerous job as a consultant for the University of Maine at Augusta.

Trask, who has been on the governor's six-person security detail for nine years, said he decided long before the Feb. 4 accident that he would quit the force when he hit the 20-year mark

Lee Umphrey, Baldacci's spokesman, said Trask's departure came as no surprise because his retirement plans were known within the governor's office

Batty passenger

AK FOUKE — Amanda Jones was going batty trying to swat at the creature flying around in the cab of her truck.

Something flew in through her half-open window as she drove in darkness around 1 a.m. Sunday. It was flapping around her head and neck, so she swatted at it to try to make it go away.

She finally struck it down, and turned on the interior light to discover a still-living bat on the floorboard. It had a wingspan of about 5 inches, she said.

Jones, who isn't sure whether the animal hit or scratched her is awaiting results from the state lab on whether the bat was rabid.

"At the time it happened, I was freaking out," Jones said.

"It flopped all the way down the side of my body."



Thea Roberts of Oakland, Calif., pulls Cable climb herself up the cable route on the way to the summit of Half Dome in Yosemite National Park. The park maintains the cables to enable intrepid hikers to climb a 45-degree pitch.



Visitors to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Volcano flow watch from atop a cliff as lava heads towards the ocean near dawn in Volcano. Hawaii



Michaela McMillan, 6, left, and Chevon Cooling off Wallace, 9, play at the water park at Centennial Park in Salina. Kan. Temperatures in Salina were over 100 degrees Tuesday.



Air drying

A polar bear shakes off after a dip in the pool at the Henry Vilas Zoo to counter the hot temperatures and muggy conditions in Madison. Wis.



Keeping his cool Lee's Summit. Mo.

A frog stays cool in an algae-covered pond Tuesday at Powell Gardens near



An amorphophalus titanium bloor for the first time in the state of Texas at the Stephen F. Austin State University Mast Arboretium in Nacogdoches, Texas



Firefighters spray foam at the scene of an overturned tanker on the south Safe after the spill bound lanes of Interstate 95 in Hollywood, Fla. Both directions of I-95 were closed as emergency crews dealt with a spill of diesel fuel and gasoline.

More problems for editor

NH CONWAY — A newspaper editor charged with child pornography lied repeatedly on his resume, according to The Conway Daily Sun.

Guy Priel, 38, was arraigned Tuesday on 12 charges. He worked as a community editor at the newspaper, which scrutinized his resume in light of the arrest.

Priel said he was denuty press secretary for U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman. D-N.M., but the senator's current spokeswoman says that's a lie. There's also no record of him work-ing for the New Mexico Republican Caucus or receiving a graduate degree in communications from the University of Delaware.

Police said Priel was convicted in Texas in 1984 of assaulting a 15-year-old boy.

Water funds flowing

NM ALBUQUERQUE — New Mexico will receive \$66 million for water projects in the southwestern corner of the state and up to \$128 million if it decides to build a Gila River diversion project in a deal with Arizona.

The New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission on Monday endorsed the agreement between the states. Now, it's up to Congress to give final approval to the deal, which is part of a broad Arizona water-rights settlement.

State officials said the agreement is needed to assure New Mexico's right to water from the Gila River.

The 1968 Central Arizona Project gave New Mexico rights to 18,000 acre-feet of water a year as its allocation from the lower Colorado River Basin. An acre-foot is 325,851 gallons.

Prison revenge allowed

TAMPA — An inmate who was mistakenly put in a jail cell with a man who had raped and choked him as a child will not be prosecuted for beating the molest-

Jason Flores, 23, still will have to serve more than two years in prison for other crimes, including car theft and burglary. But prosecutors said Monday they have dropped a battery charge.

Flores was arrested for a string of crimes in October and found himself at the Orient Road Jail, face to face with Kevin Kinder Flores attacked him

Three mental health experts testified on Flores' behalf at his sentencing, saying the counseling he received after being raped was inadequate.

An expert from the University of South Florida said that Flores suffered from severe post-traumatic stress disorder and that his accidental encounter with Kinder upset him.

Kinder pleaded guilty in 1992 to performing lewd acts on four boys, including Flores, and served six years behind bars.

DotComGuy available

DALLAS — Call it the Dot-ComGuy bust.

The man who legally changed his name to DotComGuy changed it back Tuesday - to Mitch Mad-

at home and living off purchases

made on the Internet. Video footage of his life was streamed on the Internet 24 hours a day and attracted worldwide media attention.

He later got married and on Tuesday he and his wife, Anne, appeared in court to legally change their names to Maddox.

In 2000, Maddox spent one year

Meanwhile, an auction for the DotComGuy name and the domain name dotcomguy-dot-com was to end in April, but it's been extended and it's now on e-Bay.

Freeze! Pants up

MINNEAPOLIS — Daryl Miller didn't make it through airport security because he couldn't keep his pants on.

Airport police said a security screener was waving a metal-de tecting wand over Miller's pants area on Friday when Miller pulled his shorts down to his ankles. He wasn't wearing any underwear.

Miller then said, "There, how do vou like your job," thus ending the screening, according to the police report. He was charged with indecent exposure and released on \$300 bail.

"We've never had anybody do that before," said airport police Lt. Matt Christenson. "But it's not abnormal for people to become frustrated with the screening process.

Bear needs good home

MA BOSTON — City officials hope the city's smallest residents can help find a home for one of its biggest; a three-ton bronze teddy hear Children have clambered atop

the 12-foot statue in front of the upscale FAO Schwarz toy store since 1991. After the chain filed for bankruptcy and vacated the store, the city secured the statue with the help of the building's owners.

On Tuesday, Mayor Tom Meni-no announced a contest for kids, asking them to suggest where the bear should go.

"This bear belongs to the children of Boston," Menino said.

"The children of Boston should decide where the bear goes.'

Ohio execution

OH LUCASVILLE — A man after asking to be killed for shooting his girlfriend and their daughter, then refrigerating their bodies for a month in their apartment.

Stephen Vrabel, 47, was the sec-ond Ohio death row inmate since 1999 to drop his appeals to speed his execution. He was pronounced dead at 10:14 a.m. at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility

Gov. Bob Taft on Monday declined to stop Vrabel's scheduled execution. The Ohio Parole Board had voted earlier against recommending clemency. Vrabel shot Susan Clemente, 29,

his girlfriend of about four years, and their daughter, 3-year-old Lisa Clemente, in March 1989 at their apartment in the Youngstown suburb of Struthers.

Vrabel never said why he shot Susan Clemente. He said he shot their daughter - whom he described as a "perfect child" - in part because she was "freaking out" about her mother's death.

LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THAT, OK ?!

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Horoscope

The new moon in Cancer is like the emotional equivalent of moving into a new home. Just as all of your belongings must be accounted for and placed in their Joyce Jillson new surroundings, your new feelings must be recognized and put in their proper perspective. It's exciting when you can go forward in relationships without carry-

ing the old baggage TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 17), It's a year of expectations surpassed, so set your sights high! Always have a Plan A as well as a Plan B, and you'll succeed where others have failed. Finances are improved when you put your heart into your work. You'll need to rack up extra hours in September. Couples go on an exotic trip in

December. Sagittarius or Aquarius ARIES (March 21-April 19).

love is favored.

There are numerous prospects in your realm today. Part of being creatively aware is being able to recognize opportunity when it shows itself. You'll make a great discovery while looking for something entirely unrelated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes, you notice what's wrong without giving credit to what is right. Don't make this mistake today, though, as there are many sensitive souls who will take issue with your approach. This afternoon features a political game

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You know what you want, but there may be an unconscious goal that is conflicting with your larger aim. The more honest you are, the more chance you have of eliminating all things in opposition to your goal.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Reflecting on past mistakes and glories helps you make solid caree decisions. Make contact with people from your past. It won't be awkward - in fact, you'll be received with open arms by long-lost friends and sweeties

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Change is gradual, as much as you'd like it to be sweeping. Just as it's difficult to recognize the growth of a child

you see every day, you may not notice differences in yourself. But you can trust that you are

hlossoming. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's not an area of your life that

couldn't use the "less is more" strateav now. Friendships grow tighter when you don't try too hard. You're romanti cally more alluring and more in demand at work, too

LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Do anything you can think of to simpli fy your life. The more straightforward your activities are, the more time you'll have to pursue

what you really enjoy. Tonight, you could become enam ored of someone strong and able.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Listen to what you're thinking about when you're seemingly not thinking about anything at all. It is in those

in-between spaces that your wishes and desires live. Tune in, and write them down SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). You're feeling the pain of the world. Everywhere you look, you are getting evidence of the frailty of the human condition. Try to also see the

strength humans possess. We've survived this long, right?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). While attempting to concer trate on your own business, you'll be distracted, coerced and diverted by truly annoying people. Minimize the time you spend caught up in matters you're really not willing to do anything about

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Try many options until you find the one you are most passionate about. The fire in your belly will give you clarity of purpose, without which all actions are merely reactions.

Don't be sucked in by the promise of a quick buck

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your time is so valuable, you'll have to say "no" several times before noon in order to safeguard it! The vampires are out! Romance is going well now that a certain truth is in the open. You feel more able to be

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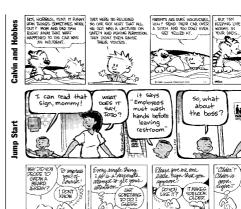
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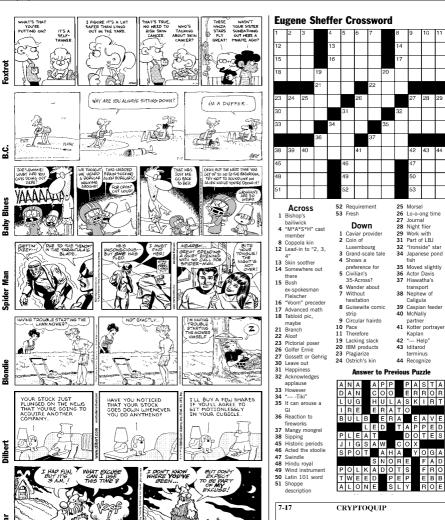












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WHAT THE LEATHER MAKER

DID ON VACATION

Not choosing pets over grandkid JUMBLE

Dear Abby: I have an 8-year-old dog and a 5-year-old cat. Unfortunately, my new grandson is allergic to both

I live only a few miles from my daughter and grandson and visit them every day, but the baby can't come to my house. My daughter is insinuating that I have chosen

my pets over her baby Abby, I need a truthful answer: Do you think I should get rid of my pets, or tell my daughter to wait to bring her baby over until he is old enough to be treated for his allergies? Please help

- Wants to do the Right Thing in Florida

Dear Wants: I see no reason why you should have to give up your pets - provided your clothing is free of dog and cat dander when you visit your grandson. Since you visit the baby every day, I see no urgency about

older. It is not that you have chosen your pets over your grandchild, but rather that your daughter shouldn't force you into the position of having to choose unless it's absolutely necessary (And it's not.)

Dear Abby

Dear Abby: MV

husband and I are friendly with several couples at church. These couples get together every week for a meal after services

Abby, they frequently make plans with one another right in front of us, without ever extend-

ing an invitation.

The other night, I was sitting at a table with several of the couples and became virtually invisible as they planned, in detail, an upcoming dinner party

I felt extremely awkward and

uncomfortable, but the group annarently was oblivious

Must we put up with this? Or should we take someone aside and point out how insensitive they are? I'd appreciate any

- Not Invited in Cupertino, Calif.

Dear Not Invited: Rather than taking anyone aside and pointing it out, I recommend you look around and see if there are any other church members with better manners with whom to socialize after church.

If your absence is mentioned. tell those people THEN how hurt, offended and unwanted you were made to feel by their insensitivi-

But don't expect them to change. Rude people rarely do. Letters for this column - with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon HIS

Jumbles: Answer

VOCAL PARISH What the soprano ended up with when she got a sore throat - A "FEVER" PITCH

Yesterday's

Find a balance for mom on chemo

Dear Annie: MV mom, who is a fairly active and healthy person, was recently diagnosed with breast cancer Two weeks after the diagnosis, she had the lumn removed. This week, she starts chemotherapy.

I have tried to be sup-

portive, but I don't want to treat Mom as if she's an invalid. My father, on the other hand, is taking this very hard and has told Mom that he doesn't want her to leave the house for the entire treatment period of several weeks. He also told her she must wear a surgical mask if she goes out in public.

I understand that Mom's white blood cell count will be down and she is more susceptible to infection, but I think putting her in "lockdown" will depress her. Dad won't listen to a word I say I'm afraid his paranoia will kill her faster than any disease she



might contract. How can I convince him?

- Worried about Mom Dear Worried: Don't pit vourself against your father when it comes to your mother's care. Instead, ask Mom's doctor to dis cuss the situation with Dad. The doctor's authority will carry more weight than

anything you might

sav

Even so, while Dad is smothering her, you can provide a much-needed outlet for normalcy. Chemo can be debilitating, so be careful not to plan more than your mother can handle. Bring home some old movie comedies on video or DVD, and watch them together. Invite some of her closest friends over for tea and Scrabble on those days when Mom feels up to it.

Your extra care for Mom will allow Dad to share his burden

Also check out the American Cancer Society (cancer.org) for information and support.

Dear Annie: Is it ever appropriate for a man to wear a western hat in a restaurant? Please elaborate on proper wearing of

_ N I.

Dear N.L.: There may be western-style restaurants where patrons are expected to keep their hats on, but otherwise, hats should be removed in restaurants Etiquette rules say the only exception is a hat worn for religious purposes, although we think those who wear hats to cover a medical condition also should get a pass. The rest of you, however, are out of luck. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy

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Family Circus



"But if John the Baptist was Jesus" cousin, wouldn't God be John's uncle?"



You'D BETTER NOT MAKE A MESS. MY MOM CLEANED THE WHOLE HOUSE JUST BECAUSE YOU WERE COMIN' OVER."



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Yokota - 1993 Toyota Carina -Puns great, 4 door sedan, automatic, only 47,000 km, AC/Heat, Leaving soon, \$700, Available now. JCI - Nov 2004, 227-6848 or jjacss2000@yahoo. com

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Butler - 1989 Mitsubishi Pajero: runs perfect, great tires, new A/C compressor, blow supper cold, 4-wide door, works great, \$2,900.00 OBO. Call 622-5285. Zama - 99 Mitsubishi Van 6-passenger micro Van: Auto-matic, power everyfhing, air bags, anti-lock brakes, key less entry. 38km, not yellow plate, perfect condition, JCI until Feb-ruary 2004. \$5,200.00 CBO. C a II 2 6 3 - 8 2 5 1 or 090-9785-7193.

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Yokota - 94 Skyline GT, project on parts car runs, and drives great. Needs new bumper, Front quarter panel and hood. Asking \$600. OBO. 227-2703

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Butler - 95 Silvia S14 O's: 90 km on ODO, 5-speed with new OS super single racing clutch thy wheel, enkel wheels, HKS mut-fler, RSR springs, black, JCI untill June 2006, road tax just finished. Asking \$3,500.00. Call Jim at 622-6395 or email devilpup5583@yahoo.com Camp Foster - 1990 Lite Ace: Camp Kinser - 1991 Nissar Skyline GTST: Perfect condition sxyline GTST: Perfect condition, black, and turbo charged, fast and the reliable. One to the standard of the condition of the standard of the condition of the standard of the condition of the every 4000 km. JCI until Sep-tember 2005. \$3,200.00. (pic-tures available upon request). Call Steve at 637-3375.

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Foster - 1991 Nissan Primera: Black, JCI until March 2006, runs great, cold A/C, just had 3rd child need to get a van. Asking \$2,800.00 OBO. Call 646-8124.

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A/C, power windows, CD player, good tires, great gas mileage and great car. \$2,000.00 OBD. Must sale soon. Call 646-4448 or 090-8293-7318 ask for Leon. Foster - 92 Nissan Primera 2.0: JCI until July 2006, excellent condition & well maintained with condition & well maintained with condition & well maintained with condition & well and the Alpine speakers. Great looking car runs perfectly. If you want a sporty family car, this one's lift \$2,000.00 OBO. Call 646-4433. Foster - 92 Toyota Cresta: JCI until November 2005, cold A/C, 73 kilometers, great 4-door family car, loads of room and many power options, rear wheel drive, CD player with remote. Asking \$2,500.00 OBO. Call 948-4083.

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636-3990.

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or Stephanie at 933-5873 or
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Great condition, cold A/C, CD player, power windows, tinted windows, new tune-up and oil change, JCI until October 2005. \$1,300.00 OBO. Call 632-3131.

Kadena - 1990 Toyota Light Ace: \$2,200.00. Available now! New JCI: June 2006, dual A/C. A must for kids in back! Great dive van tool Mon root, rotating seats. Sharp looking and clean, gold. Call 633-0532 or email

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Kadena - 1995 Nissan Skyline 4-door, great shape, cold A/C new JCI, good until June 2006 CD player, great for smal family, \$3,200.00 OBO. Contac Brian or Stephanie at 633-1745 or email Armstrong_ brian2003@yahoo.com

Silver, 17" rims, new tires, new break, very cold A/C, JCl good until June 2006, looks great and runs excellent. \$3,500.00 CBC. Call Chils or Heather at 633-8272. Kadena - 89 Surf: Gray inside and out, 140 km, JCI until September 2004. 4 cylinders.

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ss.uu.00 OBO. JCI until 2006, road tax pallill! Great transpor-tation and very reliable, freezing cold AIC, AMFMICD player, tinted windows, power everything! Call Robert at (H) 645-4678, (W) Torii Station 644-4331 or cell 080-5050-1162.

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-doors, power windows, power
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Kadena, Okinawa - Blue and White Evenflow stroller. Has rail across the front. Basket under-neath. Cup holders. Easy to use and very clean. \$30.00 Call 633-6929 leave messages. Schwab - 1993 Toyota Hiltox Surt' 4-door automatic, V6 gas engine, blue exterior, grey interi-ce, all sower, great A/C, radio CD player, DD May 2006. Asking \$3,500.00. Call Wendy 090-3790-5867. Motorcyles - Japan 166 Atsugi 1995 Honda CBR 900FR, Mint Condition, US Spec, never been dropped. Yoshimura aftermarket exhaust, K&N air filter, and flushmount turn signals. JCI good till OCTOS, selling for \$4500 obo due to transferring. Call Jewar at 080-3128-8120 or at work 944-3814

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coratches-does not interfere with
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Afsugi, Japan - Light wood bedroom: Queen bed frame \$500; 2-side table, \$75 and \$60; armoire, \$200; or whole set for \$800.00! Additional Queen bed frame \$300.00. Call 264-6684.

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sell all to 95. Call Gray Country, Christopher School, Call Call Call School, Call Call Call School, Call Sc Foster, Okinawa - 8-chairs, dineing set with removable cushion, birdiflower #3 liess color, \$1,200.00, sofa table no carving, \$200.00 call Jackle at Okinawa, Old Lester 646-6012. Okrawa, Old Lester 646-6012.

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633-8071 or email spward@ attmil.ne.jp Foster, Okinawa - Chip Driving golf net with cat bag \$75.00. Call 646-4618.

Yokota, Japan - 2 kerosene heaters for sale, one small unit: \$60; one large unit: \$100.00. Fussa (Yokota): (042) 553-4502 or e-mail tgerald@asia.umuc. edu

Zama, Japan - Speakers: B&M Matrix 803 speakers, one pair, consecutive serial numbered, walnut, rated up to 250 watts, 90dB, excellent condition, orig-nally worth \$3,000, will sell for \$2,199.00 OBO. Call 263-7250.

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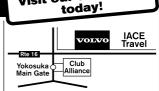
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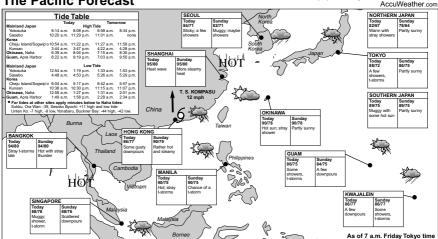






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CITY

Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 79. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine. high 91, low 82

KADENA

Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 90, low 78. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 90, low 78.

SEOUL

Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 89, low 73. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 90. low 75.

MANILA Monday: Thundershowers,

high 88, low 75. Tuesday: Thundershowers, high 90. low 75.

HAGATNA Monday: Showers,

high 88, low 77. Tuesday: Showers, high 88, low 77,

Thursday's USA Temperatures Saturday, July 17

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	93/70	Los Angeles	92/67
Amarillo	99/68	Little Rock	95/75
Anchorage	74/57	Louisville	86/68
Asheville	84/57	Miami	93/78
Baltimore	84/63	Milwaukee	82/66
Birmingham	92/70	Nashville	89/68
Bismarck	90/59	New York	80/66
Boise	101/68	Omaha	87/71
Boston	74/63	Orlando	94/74
Brownsville	95/75	Philadelphia	83/64
Buffalo	69/58	Phoenix	100/84
Burlington	77/60	Pittsburgh	72/58
Charleston, St	92/71	Portland, OR	82/61
Charlotte	89/62	Portland, ME	71/60
Cleveland	76/61	Salt Lake City	
Columbus, OF	81/61	St. Louis	87/70
Duluth	81/61	San Antonio	97/74
El Paso	97/73	San Diego	81/69
Hartford	80/62	San Juan	91/76
Helena	97/63	Tampa	91/78
Indianapolis	83/64	Tulsa	99/78
Jacksonville	90/74	Washington	87/66
Kansas City	89/72	Wichita	99/74



U.S. Extended Forecast

A potent storm system diving into the Southeast Saturday will produce numerous showers and thunderstorms from the Carolinas to the lower Mississippi Valley. Drenching downpours will be possible with some of the storms. A few showers will also persist of parts of New England. Tranquil weather will prevail over the northern Plains, but Texas will continue to sizzle. More afternoon thunderstorms will develop in the Rockies. By Sunday, the threat for heavy thunderstorms will shift to areas from the Carolinas into the mid-Atlantic with just a few lingering storms farther west. A storm system entering the Pacific Northwest will bring showers and thunderstorms to a few spots as the weekend ends.

Saturday's Pacific Temperatures

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LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CI		
/80	lwakuni	88/72	Sasebo NB	87/74	Acapulco	91/75	Budapest	87/65	Kabul	92/56	N		
W68	Kadena AB	90/78	Sapporo	82/67	Athens	82/65	Buenos Aires	49/30	Kiev	72/55	N		

Beijing 89 Camp Casey 84 Christchurch 44 Diego Garcia 83 Hagatna 86 Hanoi 93 Hong Kong 86	4/80 9/68 4/70 4/28 3/76 6/75 3/79 6/77	Iwakuni Kadena AB Kunsan AB Kwajalein Manila Misawa AB Osan Perth Pusan	88/72 90/78 81/73 86/77 90/75 76/66 83/72 63/47 81/71	Sasebo NB Sapporo Seoul Shanghai Singapore Sydney Taegu Taipei Tokyo	87/74 82/67 84/71 95/80 88/76 61/41 86/72 90/73 88/72	Acapulco Athens Auckland Baghdad Barbados Barcelona Berlin Bermuda Brussels	91/75 82/65 60/51 117/79 86/69 76/64 79/60 86/74 77/58	Budapest Buenos Aires Cairo Cancun Cape Town Geneva Istanbul Jerusalem Johannesburg	87/65 49/30 96/64 84/72 71/53 79/61 74/58 86/64 68/44	Kabul Kiev Kuwait London Madrid Mexico City Montreal Mogadishu Moscow	92/56 72/55 113/81 72/53 90/66 74/54 78/65 83/71 68/54	Nairobi New Delhi Oslo Paris Rio de Janeiro Rome St. Petersburg Stockholm Warsaw	76/50 98/80 68/46 79/58 71/57 83/62 66/52 70/53 74/60
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AFN-Pacific/AFN-Korea SAT., July 17, at 10 a.m. — Pro boxing: Kobo logoladze vs. Anthony Morea, super feather weights. SUN., July 18, at 8 a.m. — Pro baseball: N.Y. Zankaas vs. Detroit.

AFN-Atlantic

SUN., July 18, at 2 a.m. - Pro baseball: St. Louis vs. Cincinnati. SUN., July 18, at 5 a.m. — Pro baseball: San Diego vs. Houston

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SAT., July 17, at 11 a.m. — Pro baseball: Boston vs. Anapheims.
SAT., July 17, at 4 p.m. — Cycling: Tour de fraction of the probability of the pro

ado vs. San Jose.

SUN, July 18, at 4 p.m. — Cycling: Tour de France, 13th stage.

SUN, July 18, at 7 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Craftsman Trucks Missouri-Illinois Dodge Dealers Ram Tough 200.

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3. Egoi Martinez, Spain, Euskaltel-Euskadi, 2.17 behind.
4. Thor Hushovd, Norway, Credit Agricole,

5:58. 5. Erik Zabel, Germany, T-Mobile Team,

same time. 6. Robbie McEwen, Australia, Lotto-Domo, same time. 7. Paolo Bettini, Italy, Quick Step-Davita-

mon, same time. R. Danilo Hondo, Germany, Gerolsteiner, same time.

9. Lance Armstrong, United States, US Post-al-Berry Floor, Same time.

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Notables

13. Jan Ullrich, Germany, T-Mobile Team, same time.

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14. Thomas Voeckler, France, Brioches La Boulangere, same time.

38. Tyler Hamilton, United States, Phonak Hearing Systems, same time.

39. Ivan Basso, Italy, Team CSC, same

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Washington 68, Charlotte 54
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Wednesday's games
Minnesota 65, Connecticut 63
Indiana 70, Houston 62

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Armstrong accuses reporters of foul play

Says French TV crew tried to enter his room

By JOHN LEICESTER The Associated Press

FIGEAC, France - Lance Armstrong finished ninth in Thurs-day's stage of the Tour de France and accused French reporters of trying to rummage through his hotel room in hopes of finding evidence of doping.

Frenchman David Moncoutie won the 11th stage. Countryman Thomas Voeckler kept the overall leader's yellow jersey, still 9 min-utes, 35 seconds ahead of the sixth-placed Armstrong.

Armstrong, bidding for a record sixth straight Tour de France title, said a TV crew from France 3 attempted to get access to his room after he left to race in the 102-mile stage from Saint-Flour to Figeac in central France.

Armstrong insists he has never taken performance-enhancing drugs, but is worried he might be

"They show up and they ask sporting questions to our face, but as soon as they leave they're digging in the rooms and looking for dirt," he said. "If you left a B vitamin sitting there, that would get

The Texan said one reporter has been following the team for months, calling the conduct "scan

dalous The France 3 investigative reporter in question, Hugues Huet, confirmed he went to the hotel to talk to Armstrong aides about his teammates and chatted to the hotel manager for a few minutes But he denied he sought access to the champion's room.

"It's completely ridiculous," Huet told The Associated Press "We do have ethics and we don't do just anything. ... If I played around by searching his room like that, I would be breaking the

Armstrong aides suggest that French reporters do not want an American to win the Tour for a record sixth time. The Texan often has had testy relations with some in the French media.

The French newspaper Le

Monde, which has previously leveled doping accusations against Armstrong, on Thursday ran an interview with three-time Tour winner Greg LeMond, who sug-gested he doubts his fellow Ameri-

can is drug-free. "Lance is ready to do anything to keep his secret," LeMond was quoted as saying. "I don't know how he can continue to convince everybody of his innocence."

Armstrong has repeatedly de-ied doping accusations. His nied doping accusations. His team manager, Johan Bruvneel. said he wasn't surprised about

the latest claims.

"Le Monde is a newspaper whose intentions we know. And if I can make a suggestion to the edi-tor it would be that they change their sports and cycling pages

into a doping page.
"There's nothing we can do to counter it."

Moncoutie captured his first stage victory in five Tours by breaking away from the pack with two other riders and then leaving them in his wake as he rode alone over the last few miles.

He was the second French rider to win in two days. Richard Virenque won the 10th stage on Wednesday — France's Bastille Day national holiday.

Armstrong was in a group that finished 5:58 behind Moncoutie's mark of 3 hours, 54 minutes, 58 seconds. That group also includ-ed Armstrong rivals Jan Ullrich, Iban Mayo, Tyler Hamilton and Ivan Basso

Armstrong and other top favorites saving themselves for the punishing and probably decisive stag-es in the Pyrenees and Alps did not chase Moncoutie, letting him

surge ahead.
Voeckler is expected to lose the lead to the Tour's top riders in the mountain stages, with the first Pyrenean stage Friday.

On Thursday, the hilly route through farming areas of the Mas-sif Central had one notable climb a 5-mile ascent. After a first week marked by cold and rain, blazing sun bore down on riders. Associated Press writer Jerome Pugmire contributed to this report.

Open: Casey takes advantage of calm conditions at Troon

OPEN, FROM BACK PAGE

Nice was a good description of Royal Troon. There was an eerie calm along

the Firth of Clyde in the morning. and the only trouble from the breeze was that it couldn't make up its mind which way to blow. And while the scores weren't

outrageous, there were plenty of players bunched up around the lead. More than one-third of the field — 56 players — was at par or better and within five shots of the lead.

Alastair Forsyth of Scotland was poised to join the leaders until he bogeyed his final two holes. Clarke, runner-up at Troon seven years ago, also had a chance until he hit a 5-iron from 191 yards away on the final hole and watched in disgust as it went over the green and landed next to the clubhouse - out-of-bounds.

He followed that with a 6-iron to 15 feet short of the flag and made double bogey.
David Duval didn't even make

it to the first tee. The '01 British Open champion withdrew Thurs-day morning because of a sprained back muscle.

Mickelson didn't make a birdie until the par-5 16th, and he followed that with his third bogey of the round. The shots that I needed to hit

to get the ball close for birdie, I just didn't do that," he said.

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U.S. swimming at high tide BCS tweak gives polls

BY BETH HARRIS The Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. - Six world records were set during the U.S. Olympic swimming trials, raising already-high expectations of another big American medal

haul in Athens Four years ago, the United States team led all nations with 14 golds and 33 medals overall.

Much of the pressure in Athens will be on Michael Phelps, who said Wednesday he will swim five individual events and up to three relays in his attempt to break Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals in an Olympics.

Phelps gave up his spot in the 200-meter backstroke, putting Bryce Hunt on his first Olympic team. Hunt finished third in the trials behind Aaron Peirsol, who broke his own world record, and Phelns.

"I'm pretty excited," Hunt said. "People were telling me that he might drop out of the 200 backstroke, but I didn't think it was going to happen. I just hope I can bring back a medal."

So does Jenny Thompson, who won the 50 freestyle on the final night of the eight-day trials. She had already qualified in the 100

Thompson, who made her fourth Olympic team at 31, won in 25.02 seconds, while Kara Lvnn Jovce finished second (25.11) to earn the second Olympic berth.

Thompson has won 10 medals — more than any other U.S. woman — but her eight golds have all been in relays.

Individually, Thompson has been limited to a silver and a bronze, both in the 100 free. She failed to qualify for that event in the trials, the two spots going to

Joyce and Natalie Coughlin. "I feel like I'll be complete whether I win an individual gold medal or not," said Thompson, who is likely to be part of the relay teams again. "I'm just going to try to soak up as much of the atmosphere as possible. The first time I went, it was kind of a whirl-

Coughlin, swimming in the 50 after qualifying in two other events, finished sixth at 25.31.

"I'm very happy," she said. "I had three best times in 11/2 days and I learned a lot of good things for my 100 free."

Larsen Jensen set an American record in the 1,500 freestyle, becoming the third U.S. man to go under 15 minutes at 14:56.71. He bettered the mark of 14:56.81 that earned Chris Thompson a bronze medal in the 2000 Olympics.

The 18-year-old Jensen is a rising star of distance swimming though he'll have his work cut out for him in Athens. The Australians, led by Grant Hackett, have dominated the mile.

Hackett's world (14:34.56) is more than 22 seconds faster than Jensen's winning

swim in Long Beach. "It shows how far ahead he is in the sport of distance swimming,

Jensen said, "We're behind, The whole world is behind. Erik Vendt claimed the second spot in the 1,500 at 15:11.96.

Chris Thompson got into the final because another swimmer scratched but finished far back in seventh at 15:44.57. He didn't have enough time to prepare after fracturing both elbows during a training mishap in May.

USA Swimming selected the staff that will work with head coaches Eddie Reese (men) and Mark Schubert (woman) in Ath ens. The assistants include Bob Bowman, Phelps' personal coach, and Teri McKeever, the first woman coach ever picked for the

"If you had told me this five years or even three years ago, I ouldn't have believed it," said McKeever, who coaches Cough-

The team begins its training camp at Stanford University on Thursday.

bigger selection voice

BY EDDIE PELLS The Associated Press

The Associated Press poll will count for one-third of each team's ranking under the new formula Bowl Championship Series officials unveiled Thursday in their latest attempt to find a simpler, more equitable way to determine a national champion.

Under the new formula, which begins this season, the AP writers' poll, the coaches' poll and a combination of computer rankings will each count for one-third of a team's overall BCS ranking

Strength of schedule, team record and quality victories, three components used under the old system, have been eliminated. "In analyzing the BCS stand-

ings, we wanted to develop a ranking formula that would be simpler and more precise," said BCS chairman Kevin Weiberg, the commissioner of the Big 12 Conference.

In three of the past four sea-sons, there have been at least three teams with legitimate claims for a spot in the BCS title game

Last year resulted in a split national championship, with LSU

winning the BCS title game over Oklahoma and Southern California protecting its top ranking in the AP poll by defeating Michi-

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gan in the Rose Bowl. Coaches who vote in the USA Today-ESPN poll are obligated to select the winner of the BCS

Writers in the AP poll are under no such obligati

BCS officials consulted mathematicians to help come up with a formula that would give them a better chance to ensure the top two teams in both polls meet in the title game

"This formula goes a long way to eliminate some of the controversy surrounding previ-ous matchups as we continue to improve upon the system,' Weiberg said.

The new formula will no longer average the weekly rank of each team. Instead, teams will be evaluated on the number of voting points received in each poll. A team's score in the AP poll will be divided by 1,625, which is the maximum any team can receive. A team's score in the coaches' poll will be

divided by 1,525.

The final component will come from six computer rank-

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Surprises expected in second half

Yankees appear to be only sure thing as teams gear up for fall

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Almost everybody was stunned to see Roger Clemens knocked around in the All-Star Game. The second half of the season could be filled with hig surprises, too.

Texas and St. Louis are in first place. San Diego and the New York Mets are only two games out. And Randy Johnson could shake up the entire pennant race if he's traded by the lowly Arizona Diamondbacks.

The New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox are sure to make a run at him, adding another chapter to their storied rivalry. Or perhaps another team, maybe Anaheim, will prv him away before the July 31 non-waiver deadline.

"This isn't the Florida State League where the first-half winner automatically gets a berth in the playoffs," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. 'We have to keep the pedal to the metal, and you're always concerned about what Boston or others may do. I'll continue to make phone calls and see what's cook-

Looking for its seventh consecutive AL East title, New York has a seven-game cushion over the Red Sox, who lead the wild-card race

by a slim margin. Yet the Yankees are in need of starting pitching and have openly coveted Johnson the five-time Cv Young Award winner who has five career postseason victories over New York.

The 40-year-old left-hander. who pitched a perfect game in Atlanta on May 18, is stuck with a team with the worst record in the majors. He's making \$16 million this season and is due \$16 million in 2005, the final year of his contract. And he said during the All-Star break that he would consider waiving his no-trade clause if Arizona wants to send him to a

Sounds like a perfect match for



Barry Bonds and Sammy Sosa carry two of baseball's most potent bats into the second half of the season.

one of baseball's big spenders and maybe a relief for everybody in the National League.

"There's not that many difference-makers out there. Lord willing they're all going to the Red Sox or the Yankees anyway," San Francisco general manager Brian Sahean said

Led by Barry Bonds and Jason Schmidt Sahean's Giants are in the thick of a three-team race in the NL West, wedged right between first-place Los Angeles and third-place San Diego.

The NL East is just as muddled Three teams are within two games of first-place Philadelphia, including the surprising Mets.

Atlanta, seeking its 13th straight division title is only a game back, just ahead of Florida. "It's a four-team battle," Marlins manager Jack McKeon said during the All-Star Game. "Any of those four clubs could win."

The wild-card chase also is

wide open, with eight teams with in 41/2 games of the Giants. That means 12 NL teams still have a real chance to reach the playoffs, making it an exciting second half for fans all over the country

"It's a wild and wacky league," Sabean said. "This might be the year of the 86- to 88-win division winner. I couldn't even tell vou what the record would be of the wild-card winner."

Bonds, 19 homers shy of 700, would like to get a few more pitches to hit the rest of the way. He's already drawn 71 intentional walks — three more than the major league record he set two years ago - and 131 walks in all That puts him on pace to shatin the All-Star Game, giving up six runs in the first inning of the AL's 9-4 victory Tuesday night. All-Star MVP Alfonso Soriano of the Texas Rangers hit a three-run homer off the Rocket helping the AL secure home-field advantage in the World Series for the third straight year. Now he'll to help the upstart Rangers

ter his big league record of 198

set in 2002. Still, he leads the NL with a .365 batting average and

ing to become the first AL catcher

to win a batting title, tops the ma-jors with a .369 average.

The 41-year-old Clemens (10-3, 2.62 ERA) also is putting up amaz-

ing numbers, especially consider-

ing he retired - albeit briefly -

after last season. But he was a

bust in his hometown of Houston

.794 slugging percentage. Detroit's Ivan Rodrigu

hold off Oakland and Anaheim in the AL West. Scott Rolen's major league-leading 80 RBIs helped St. Louis sprint past preseason favorites Chicago and Houston to a seven-game lead in the NL Cen-

Meanwhile, the Chicago White

Sox and Minnesota Twins are locked up in their annual fight for first in the AL Central.

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> Brian Cashman Yankees general manager

Hot-hitting Sean Casey comes off disabled list

CINCINNATI - Cincinnati Reds first baseman Sean Casey was activated from the 15-day disabled list Thursday after strain-ing his right calf while running out a single June 27

The move made him available Thursday night's game against St. Louis.

Casey was among the NL's top hitters with a .352 average when he was injured.

All-Star ratings lowest ever

NEW YORK - Television ratings for the All-Star game, hurt the American League's

six-run first inning, were the low-

est in history The American League's 9-4 victory Tuesday night drew an 8.8 rating and a 15 share on Fox, down 7 percent from the 9.5/17 of the last two years - the lowest

previous numbers. The rating is the percentage of all homes with TVs, whether or not they are in use. The share is the percentage of homes with TVs in use. Each rating point represents about 1.08 million house-

Washington mayor optimistic about getting a team

WASHINGTON - District of Columbia Mayor Anthony A. Will iams returned from baseball's All-Star Game confident that a team would soon be relocating to Washington.

"Baseball belongs in the nation's capital and that's right here in the district," said Williams, who led a delegation to Houston for Tuesday night's game.

Baseball officials have said they do not expect to operate the troubled Montreal Expos franchise by running partial schednext season. Williams said that while he has heard a decision on the franchise's future could be made by Aug. 18, he also said an announcement could be delayed until or after the World Series

Clark hired by TCL team McKINNEY, Texas

Two-time National League All-Star Jack Clark was hired Wednesday as hitting coach for the McKinney Marshals of the new Texas Collegiate League.

Clark hit 340 homers in 18 big-league seasons with San Francisco, St. Louis, the New York Yankees, San Diego and Boston

Kobe Bryant's choice made: It's the Lakers

Star guard turns down L.A. Clippers' offer for a \$136.4 milion contract

> By JOHN NADEL The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Kobe Bryant's journey through free agency ended Thursday where it began — with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Bryant chose the Lakers over the L.A. Clippers, re maining with the team he joined in 1996 at age 18 and later helped win three NBA championships. "Kobe has informed us he's going to stay with the

Lakers and sign a new contract," Lakers spokesman John Black said Thursday afternoon. Bryant planned to speak during a news conference later in

The decision came a day after the Lakers traded fellow superstar Shaquille O'Neal to the Miami Heat. Now, it will be Bryant - along with incoming coach Rudy Tomjanovich and Heat imports Lamai Odom, Caron Butler and Brian Grant - who will

lead the Lakers into the future. Bryant, who said repeatedly last season that he wanted to be a "Laker for life," is poised to fulfill that declaration. His contract will be worth more

than \$136.4 million over seven years. "With Kohe we're one of the premier teams." Lake

ers owner Jerry Buss said earlier this week Without him, that certainly wouldn't have been

One significant obstacle remains for Bryant before next season.

He has pleaded not guilty to felony sexual assault and faces an Aug. 27 trial in Eagle, Colo. He claims he had consensual sex with an employee, now 20, at the Vail-area resort where she worked.

If convicted, Bryant faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine of up to \$750,000. The trial figures to take several weeks

"That's never really gone through my mind," Buss said of Bryant's legal issues. "I have trouble believing that won't work out well for him.

Bryant, who turns 26 next month, has averaged 21.8 points in 561 regular-season games over eight



Despite his legal problems, Kobe Bryant averaged 24 points a game last season for the L.A. Lakers.

seasons. He averaged 24 points, 5.5 rebounds and 5.1 assists last season despite his legal problems and a career-high 30 points a game in the 2002-2003 cam-

The Lakers had an advantage over the Clippers financially, able to offer a contract lasting one year longer and worth over \$30 million more.

Bryant became an unrestricted free ag as expected, he opted out of his contract June 17 the same day O'Neal demanded a trade and Phil Jackson was informed he wouldn't return as coach

Bryant also spoke with representatives of the Chicago Bulls, Denver Nuggets and New York Knicks. among others, before narrowing the field to the two

Los Angeles teams General Manager Mitch Kupchak spoke warily of the Bryant situation Wednesday. He can rest easier now, as can Lakers fans. Kupchak also said the Lakers hone to re-sign unrestricted free agents Karl Malone, Derek Fisher and Slava Medvedenko

If they do, the makeover from last season won't be quite so severe. Kupchak said plans call for the Lakers to be a

younger, more athletic team. Odom and Butler are oth 24, younger and more athletic than most of the players on the Los Angeles roster last season.
"We'd like to increase the tempo of the game

more up and down," Kupchak said.

The lack of an inside game might be a problem. though. The 32-year-old Grant, undersized at 6 feet 9 and with tendinitis in both knees, isn't a true center although he might have to play there

The Lakers may go after free agent center Vlade Divac, 36, who began his career with them in 1989 and has been with Sacramento the past six seasons

That would be an interesting development considering it was Divac the Lakers traded to the Charlotte Hornets in the summer of 1996 for the rights to Bry ant - the 13th overall pick in the NBA Draft shortly after his graduation from Lower Merion High in the Philadelphia area.

Source: Nets send Martin to Nuggets

The Associated Press

Kenvon Martin was on the verge of being traded Thursday from the New Jersey Nets to the Denver Nuggets for three future first-round draft picks, a source told The Associated Press.

The draft picks will include one of the Nuggets' own picks, along with two from a pool of three formerly belonging to the Los Ange les Clippers, Washington Wizards and Philadelphia 76ers.

There are varying levels of draft lottery protection on the three picks, though none are protected beyond 2006, according to a source closely involved in the trade discussions who spoke on condition of anonymity.

It was to be a sign-and-trade deal, Martin signing a seven-year contract with New Jersey and then immediately being shipped to the Nuggets for the three pi

Martin, the overall No. 1 pick of the 2000 draft, averaged 16.7 points and 9.5 rebounds last season. He is known as one of league's best defensive forwards.

Harrington, S. Jackson swapped INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana Pacers sent forward Al Harrington to the Atlanta Hawks for Stephen Jackson on Thursday in

a sign-and-trade deal. Jackson signed a six-year contract with Atlanta before being traded for Harrington. Jackson led the Hawks in scoring last season, averaging 18.1 points. Har rington, meanwhile, gets his wish to go to a team where he can have a greater role on both ends of the floor. He averaged 13.3 points in nearly 30 minutes a game last season coming off the bench.

Boozer signs Jazz offer sheet SALT LAKE CITY - Carlos Boozer signed an offer sheet with the Utah Jazz and Cleveland said

won't try to get him back. Boozer, who became a restricted free agent when Cleveland made a controversial decision not



to pick up his third-year option signed with the Jazz on Wednesday. He will go to Utah if the Cayaliers don't match the offer in 15 days. Owner Gordon Gund said he has no intention of matching it.

Cleveland doesn't have the money under the salary cap to match Boozer's six-year, \$68 million offer. And if the Cavs did come up with a way to keep Boozer, he may not feel terribly welcome back in Cleveland.

The Cavs have maintained they had a verbal understanding in place with Boozer to work out a long-term contract. Boozer has denied there was an agreement

Turkoglu signs with Magic

ORLANDO, Fla. - The Orlando Magic signed free-agent guard-forward Hedo Turkoglu to an offer sheet Wednesday.

The 6-foot-10 swingman with San Antonio signed for six years and \$38 million. The Spurs have 15 days to match the offer or let

Turkoglu go to Orlando. Turkoglu averaged 9.2 points and 4.5 rebounds last season.

In other NBA news: The Dallas Mavericks re-signed guard Marquis Daniels on Wednesday to a reported five-year, \$30.625 million deal.

- Center Etan Thomas signed a six-year, \$36 million offer sheet with the Milwaukee Bucks on Wednesday, giving the Washington Wizards until July 29 to match it
- Guard Manu Ginobili signed a contract San Antonio that, according to media reports, is for six years and \$52 million
- The Memphis Grizzlies announced a six-year contract extension Thursday for forward Shane Battier, a favorite with the hometown fans. Terms were not dis-

Cincinnati coach Huggins to be reinstated at end of August ternational rules, sanctions for have enough to pick from," Short-

CINCINNATI - Cincinnati bas. ketball coach Bob Huggins will be reinstated at the end of August after fulfilling legal requirements stemming from a drunken driving conviction. We are satisfied that coach

Huggins has taken appropriate steps while under suspension, athletic director Bob Goin said during a news conference Thursday. He said school president Nancy Zimpher and board of trustees chairman Phil Cox agreed with the decision to end Huggins' suspension Aug. 27

Huggins was placed on paid, in definite suspension June 12, following his arrest for driving under the influence.

The 50-year-old coach pleaded no contest, was fined \$350 and given a suspended six-month jail sentence that required him to attend a three-day education course.

Sports briefs

Edwards had positive test

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Torri Edwards, the second-place finisher in the women's 100 meters in the U.S. Olympic track and field trials, has tested positive for a banned stimulant, the sport's governing body said Thursday

Edwards tested positive for nikethamide at a meet in Fort-de-France, Martinique, in April International Association of Athletics Federations spokesman Nick Davies said

Analysis of her backup B sample confirmed the positive result, he said.

Edwards' status for the Athens Olympics will be determined during a hearing Monday in the Unit-ed States. Davies said. Under inuse of stimulants range from a public warning to a two-year ban. Prosecutor asks to retry

FLEMINGTON, N.J. - The prosecutor in the Jayson Williams manslaughter case wants to retry the former NBA star in the county where his limousine driver was killed.

In papers filed with the trial judge on Wednesday, First Assistant Hunterdon County Prosecutor Steven Lember argued that the retrial should be moved to Hunterdon County, where Costas Christofi was slain by a blast from a shotgun handled by Will-

Superior Court Judge Edward Coleman moved the first trial to Somerset County because of extensive pretrial publicity. Christofi died in 2002 in Williams' Alexandria Township man-

The 36-year-old Williams was acquitted in April of aggravated manslaughter, aggravated assault and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, but was con-victed on four counts related to his efforts to cover up the shooting. The jury deadlocked on the remaining reckless manslaughter count and a mistrial was declared. Lember decided to retry the case on that one charge.

The retrial is scheduled to start Jan. 10 in Somerville.

Air Force extends deadline

The deadline for submitting applications to the All-Air Force men's softball tryout camp has been extended a third time, to July 23. Air Force sports officials and men's coach Steve "Pup Shortland said Wednesday.

"This is not because I don't

land said. "We just want to make sure everybody interested has a chance to submit "

Twenty-five players, two from the Pacific, already have been selected to attend the men's camp, scheduled for Aug. 17 - Sept. 5 at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. Those picked for the All-Air Force team will play in the All-Armed Forces tournament Sept. 6-11, also at Eglin

Shortland and Air Force sports director Steve Brown set an original cutoff date of June 21 but had received just 12 applications at that point. The deadline next was extended to July 4, then to this Saturday and again to July 23

Players interested in attending the camp may submit an Air Force form 303, "request for spe-cialized training," through their respective units and base fitness centers, or they may call Brown at (210) 652-3471.

RACING STRIPES

Expanding the family business

Casev Mears shifts smoothly from Indy cars to Nextel Cup

BY NANCY ARMOUR The Associated Press

JOLIET, III. asey Mears and his team expected make to progress this year. But this much? This soon? Three years after switching to NASCAR from open-wheel racing, Mears is showing that his family's illustrious history isn't limited to Indy cars

In only his second full season in NASCAR's top series, Mears already has seven ton 10 finishes and has climbed to 16th in the Nextel Cup driver standings.

"We felt like he'd be way better off than he was last year, but we never expected where he's running now," said Andy Graves, team manager for Chip Ganassi

This kind of leap would be impressive for any young driver. But consider that Mears never even thought about racing stock cars until 2001, and what he's doing is downright amazing.

There was never any question Mears, 26, would race open-wheel cars. His uncle Rick won the Indianapolis 500 a record four times, and his father, Roger, was an off-road champion.

Casey Mears was go-karts when he was 12, and quickly graduated to off-road. After a few years, he ran Formula LeMans and the Indy Lights series. Then it was on to CART and the Indy Racing League

"I never dreamed of him coming to NASCAR. I just knew he was going to open-wheel racing, Roger Mears said, "When the sanctioning bodies split up and they started another open-wheel series, that whole open-wheel scene just started to fall apart.



Casey Mears, son of an off-road champion and nephew of four-time Indy 500 winner Rick Mears, is making his mark in stock cars.

There weren't any opportunities from a Ford to a Honda. More over there.

After the 2001 season, Casey Mears had offers from CART and IRL, as well as an opportunity to drive in NASCAR's Busch Series. Not sure which open-wheel series was going to survive, Mears decided to try stock car racing.

"I thought, 'I'll try it out and if it doesn't work, in a year or two I'll go back to open-wheel when I know which direction is going to be the right direction to go," Mears said

But the transition wasn't easy. Going from an open-wheel car to a stock car isn't like switching like a sports car to a semi-truck. He finished 21st with two top 10 finishes in his first Busch sea-

and figured his jump to NASCAR's top series was a year or two away. But when Ganassi fired Jimmy Spencer, he took a gamble on Mears. "Last year was a huge learning

year for me," Mears said. "I was struggling as far as just learning so much, from the tracks to the guys that I'm racing against to how stock cars in general want to respond to change and how they

"Not only was I learning how to

compete at this level, but also learning stock cars as a basic," he said. "I mean I was learning stuff last year that guys learned in late models, when they're 18 years

old, 16 years old." The struggles were evident but so was the talent. Though he was 35th in the standings, he had five top 20 finishes

When this season began, it was as if Mears had been driving stock cars his entire career. He finished seventh at Las Vegas, the third race of the year, and led 34 laps at Atlanta before his engine failed.

The biggest difference has

been in Mears' knowledge of his car and comfort level with his crew. Last year, he could tell crew chief Jimmy Elledge that something was wrong with the front of his car, but couldn't get much more specific than that.

Mears can now explain exactly what is happening, and he and Elledge have developed a rapport that has translated into success on the track.

'The open-wheel guys, when make the transition over here, once they learn what the car needs to feel like to be competitive - which sometimes might take a year or two or three years — once they figure that out, I think they do really well," Graves said.

Now that Mears has it figured out, he'd like to extend his family's success to a third series.

"I want to go to the Indy 500 someday, I really do," he said. Other than that, even if that series got strong again, I wouldn't want to go back in that direction full time. I'm pretty happy where

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NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

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Last race: Tony Stewart won the Tropicana 400 at Chicagoland Speedway, but it was marred by a wreck with rookie Kasey Kahne that touched off a fight in the pits. Following a restart. Stewart tapped race leader Kahne and sent him into the wall. NASCAR fined Tommy Baldwin, Kahne's crew chief, \$10,000 and put him on probation for his role in the fight.

Next race: New England 300, July 25, Loudon, N.H.

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Next race: New England 200, July 24, oudon, N.H.

CHAMP CARS

Last race: Sebastien Bourdais led al put nine of the 84 laps and won the brand Prix of Toronto for his thira traight victory. Canadian Paul Tracy, and trouble the entire race, crashing wice and being penalized twice by race fficials.

Next race: July 25, Vancouver, British olumbia, Canada.

INDY RACING

eville. Tenn. (Live, 8 am. av. APK-Sports.). Butthy Rive edged Bahal teaming Vitor Meira by 2003, seconds the second closest margin in series history to win the Argent Mortgage. The second-Closest margin in series history to be second the second through the series of the series of

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

This week: Dodge Dealers Ram Tough 200 in Madison, III. (Tape-delayed, 7 p.m. unday, AFN-Sports). Last race: Bobby Hamilton became

the series' first three-time winner of 2004 with his victory in the Built Ford Tough 225 at Kentucky Speedway. The race started 55 minutes late because of rain, and the first 11 laps were run under caution as the trucks helped dry the

FORMULA ONE

Last race: Michael Schumacher won for the 10th time in 11 races with his vicfor the 10th time in 11 races with his vic-tory in the British Grand Prix and moved within one victory of his own season record of 11 set in 2002. His only loss of 2004 came at Monaco on May 23. Next race: German Grand Prix, July 25,

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The Open's leading men

Levet, Casev tame docile Troon with opening 66s

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TROON, Scotland - A double eagle from Gary Evans, the rarest shot in golf. An ace from Ernie Els on the Postage Stamp, one of the most famous par 3s in the world.

The British Open was barely three hours old Thursday when it became clear that Royal Troon. without its fierce winds whipping off the Irish Sea, was in a gener-

By the end of the day, however, it wasn't spectacular shots that landed Paul Casev and Thomas Levet on top of the leader board at 5-under 66 - just solid golf on links that might not get easier. They had a one-shot lead over New Zealand's Michael Campbell. "If you start thinking about

what you've got to shoot, then it starts to get very, very difficult," Casev said. It was plenty tough for Tiger Woods, who kept his round from

getting away with two key par saves and wound up with a 70, the first time he has broken par in the opening round of a major since the 2002 PGA Championship. "As easy as you'll ever see it,

Woods said about Royal Troon. Masters champion Phil Mickelson played in the tamest condi-

tions, but could manage only a 73. Casey, a 26-year-old from England, played in the same group with Mickelson and put on a good show, finishing with birdies on two of the last three holes and raising hopes of a British gallery that has gone five years without one of

its own holding the claret jug. "I still left quite a few shots on the golf course," Casey said. could have been very, very low." Evans and Els had the same thing in mind, vans had 227 vards to the hole on the par-5 fourth



Frenchman Thomas Levet qualified for the British Open by winning last eek's Scottish Open. He made six birdies in the opening round.

hole when his 5-iron ambled up a ridge on the green and disappeared into the cup for a double eagle. It was the first in a British Open since Greg Owen in 2001 at Royal Lytham & St. Annes

"I gave myself three chances the first three holes, and I didn't make any of them," Evans said. "And when I brought one in, it was fantastic. Happy days.'

Evans made no more progress

U.S. Open.

had his best round (70) in a major since last year's U.S. Open. The last time he broke 70 in the first round of a major was the 2002

Tiger Woods



the rest of the day, however, and finished at 3-under 68 along with a large group that included Vijay Singh and British Amateur champion Stuart Wilson.

Els also was plodding along when his fortunes changed with one swing, a pitching wedge from 123 yards on the par-3 eighth hole known as the Postage Stamp because of its tiny green. "That was beautiful, I tell you,"

Els said. He had other words to describe another par 3, the 222-yard 17th where the South African left a shot

in the bunker for a double bogey. "From such a highlight on 8 to such a lowlight on 17, it's amazing," Els said. "But I shot 69 and I've got to take that. Anything

under 70 is good in a major cham-pionship. It's not a bad start." A dozen other players were at 69, including U.S. Open champion

Retief Goosen, Darren Clarke, former PGA champion Rich Beem and Colin Montgomerie, who overcame a double bogey-bogey stretch around the turn.

Levet had no complaints about his round because he never expected to be here.

A runner-up to Els after the British Open playoff at Muirfield two years ago, the Frenchman wasn't eligible and mapped out a vacation for this week. Those plans changed when he won the Scottish Open four days ago, closing with a 63 to earn one of the final spots at Royal Troon.

He flew home to France to get new clothes, work in the garden and feed his fish.

"I just showed up here on Tuesday and I was feeling fresh," he said. "And it was nice."

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